At the University of Bremen the SOCIUM Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy invites applications for the following academic position, starting December 1st, 2018 temporary until November, 30th, 2021.

PhD Researcher TVL EG 13,

part-time (65% of the regular weekly working hours)
Reference number: A224/18

The position belongs to the interdisciplinary and inter-university research cooperation "Fiction meets science II: Varieties of science narrative" funded by the VolkswagenStiftung and is part of the sub-project: "Science in Post-colonial Speculative Fiction: Nature/Politics/Economies Reimagined" (Principal Investigator: Prof. Dr. Sina Farzin, Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Uwe Schimank). This project is part of the interdisciplinary, collaborative research and fellowship program Fiction Meets Science (FMS; see www.fictionmeetsscience.org), which is funded by the Volkswagen Foundation as part of its "Key Issues for Academia and Society" program. The subproject examines the contemporary rise of utopian/dystopian postcolonial speculative fiction—predominantly novels—and asks how a focus on the Global South influences imaginings of future societies and the role of science at the nexus of nature, politics, and economics.

Tasks of the position:

- Develop and implement in close interaction with Professor Dr. Sina Farzin a research agenda on postcolonial speculative fiction
- Conduct theoretical and qualitative research, publish results
- Cooperate closely with the other researchers in FMS network and contribute to the successful implementation of FMS II as a whole
- Contribute to discussions and work in the Research Group for Sociological Theory, University Bremen
- We encourage candidates to develop an individual PhD research agenda within the thematic framework of the project (dissertation can be written in English or German)

Candidates should have an outstanding Bachelor's and Master's degrees in sociology, cultural studies, or a related field, good knowledge of social theory and/or cultural sociology (knowledge of sociology of literature and qualitative methods of text analysis particularly desirable), English language fluency in reading, speaking, and writing (German language skills are helpful, but not required), and good communication skills and the ability to work well in a team.

The University of Bremen is an equal opportunity employer and aims particularly at increasing the share of female faculty members in research and teaching. Thus, qualified women are especially encouraged to apply. International applications and those from candidates with a migration background are explicitly appreciated. Candidates with disabilities will be given preference in case of equal qualifications.

Applications (in English or German) should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, copies of degree certificate(s), a sample chapter from a completed MA thesis or a published paper, and a brief proposal of not more than 2 pages (including references) outlining first ideas for an individual PhD research agenda within the project's framework described above. Applications can be submitted in one file until October 19 th, 2018.

For further information, consult our website at www.fictionmeetsscience.org or contact sina.farzin@wiso.uni-hamburg.de.

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