The GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies / Leibniz-Institut für Globale und Regionale Studien is an independent social-science research institute based in Hamburg. It analyses political, social and economic developments in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, and links this knowledge to questions of global significance. It combines region-specific analysis with innovative comparative research on accountability and participation, growth and development, peace and security, and power and ideas. The GIGA seeks to appoint a

**Research Fellow on Chinese international relations discourses.**

Applications are invited for a part-time position (65%), with a contract of 3 years, starting 1 December 2018. The position is designed for further professional qualification as defined in § 2 WissZeitVG (Academic Fixed-Term Contract Act). The salary is commensurate with TV-AVH / TVöD EG 13.

The Research Fellow will be part of the research project “Legitimate Multipolarity” funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) and coordinated by Dr. Johannes Plagemann. Prof. Dr. Amrita Narlikar and Prof. Dr. Heike Holbig complete the team. The project analyses the empirical legitimacy of international institutions in the context of multipolarity and critically examines potential solutions to legitimacy problems put forward in Chinese and Indian international relations discourses. The GIGA strongly encourages concurrent work on a doctoral degree in line with the candidate’s work in the project, which would potentially be supervised by Prof. Holbig and Prof. Narlikar. The Research Fellow would become a member of the GIGA Doctoral Programme.

The successful candidate will
- be part of a research team working on the legitimacy of international institutions and international politics in the context of a multipolar world order.
- systematically analyse Chinese international relations discourses.
- contribute to the analyses of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and the G20.
- conduct field trips to China.
- engage in the dissemination of project findings within the research and policy community as well as the wider public.
- be an active member of the GIGA, affiliated to the Institute of Asian Studies and the Research Programme “Power and Ideas”.

Your qualifications:
- a completed MA or equivalent degree with very good results in political science or sinology with a social science focus
- proficiency in English and Chinese (incl. classical Chinese)
- good knowledge of China’s political system and international relations
- field research experience in mainland China is an asset
- experience with discourse analysis and related methods, qualitative data collection and software tools (e.g., MAXQDA) are an asset
Other part-time options will be considered, if so desired by the successful candidate. Diversity and the reconciliation of work and family life are of great importance to the institute. The GIGA promotes gender equality and actively encourages applications from women. Among equally qualified applicants, women will receive preferential consideration in those areas in which they are underrepresented.

Please fill out the GIGA application form (found at www.giga-hamburg.de/en/vacancies) and send it with your full application (Ref.-No. GIGA-18-06) including relevant supporting documentation (cover letter, CV, credentials/diplomas/language certificates, one letter of recommendation, max. three writing samples incl. three to five-page outline of doctoral project, if applicable) to:

**Kerstin Labusga, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Neuer Jungfernstieg 21, 20354 Hamburg, Germany**
**Email: jobs-ias@giga-hamburg.de** (email applications are particularly welcome).

Screening of applications will begin on 15 May 2018.

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