

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

Applications are invited for a part-time position (65%), with an initial contract of 3 years, starting 1 June 2019. 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 a cooperative research project titled “Drifting Apart: International Institutions in Crisis and the Management of Dissociation Processes (DRIFT)” funded by the Leibniz Association and involving four Leibniz institutes coordinated by the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt. The project examines processes by which states dissociate themselves from international institutions.

Among the cases analysed is China’s dissociation from international financial institutions through demands for reform and through the creation of alternative institutions. The Research Fellow will be based at the GIGA Institute of Asian Studies and will work on the sub-project on China’s dissociation from financial institutions since the 2000s in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Sandra Destradi, Prof. Dr. Heike Holbig, and other GIGA colleagues.

The successful candidate will

- analyse China’s dissociation process from international financial institutions, including Chinese and US foreign policy discourses.
- carry out field research in Beijing and Washington, D.C.
- be an active member of GIGA’s Research Programme “Power and Ideas” and of an interdisciplinary research team involving colleagues from the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF), the Institute of Contemporary History (IfZ), and the Centre for Contemporary History (ZZF), including a short research stay at a tandem partner institution.
- contribute to the project with single-authored and co-authored publications.
- engage in the dissemination of project findings within the research as well as policy community and wider public.

Your qualifications:

- a completed MA in Political Science, International Relations, or related social science field with solid training in social science methods and excellent marks
- proficiency in Chinese and English
- familiarity with Chinese foreign policy
- knowledge of qualitative data collection and techniques is an asset

Concurrent work on a doctoral degree is possible. In that case, the Research Fellow would become a member of the GIGA Doctoral Programme.

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](http://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/vacancies)) and send it with your full application (**Ref.-No. GIGA-19-05**) including relevant supporting documentation (cover letter, CV, credentials/diplomas/language certificates, one letter of recommendation, list of publications, max. two work samples) to:

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Email: [jobs-ias@giga-hamburg.de](mailto:jobs-ias@giga-hamburg.de)** (email applications are particularly welcome).

Screening of applications will begin on 15 March 2019.

For further information, please visit the GIGA homepage ([www.giga-hamburg.de](http://www.giga-hamburg.de)) or contact Prof. Dr. Sandra Destradi (email: [sandra.destradi@giga-hamburg.de](mailto:sandra.destradi@giga-hamburg.de)).

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