

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

## Postdoctoral Research Fellow

within the **Junior Research Group “Sources and Consequences of Legitimation Strategies of Regional Organizations”** funded by the Leibniz Association and headed by Prof. Dr. Tobias Lenz. Applications are invited for a full-time position, with an initial contract of two years, preferably starting 1 September 2019. The salary is commensurate with TV-AVH / TVöD EG 13.

The Research Group seeks to map and explain the sources and consequences of legitimation strategies in regional organizations over time. It studies (1) how state representatives and regional organization bureaucrats justify an organization’s right to rule to relevant internal and external audiences, (2) why such discursive legitimation strategies may change over time and vary across organizations; and (3) whether and how they are related to institutional legitimation strategies. The group’s research agenda consists of a quantitative component that aims to map, and explain basic patterns in, the discursive and institutional legitimation strategies of 30 regional organizations worldwide in the period from 1980 to 2015 and several qualitative components that seek to identify the causal mechanisms and political dynamics of legitimation and delegitimation in regional organizations in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

The successful candidate will

- work as part of a research team on analysing patterns of legitimation and delegitimation in regional organizations;
- assume coordinating tasks within the Research Group;
- be an active member of the GIGA, affiliated to one of its Regional Institutes and at least one Research Programme;
- have no teaching obligation.

Your qualifications:

- an outstanding doctoral degree (or dissertation manuscript at least submitted) in political sciences or international relations; specialization in international organizations is an asset
- a strong scientific track record (visible foremost in international journal publications and international academic experience)
- proven skills in quantitative/automated text analysis; interest in linguistics is an asset
- excellent written and oral communication skills in English; knowledge of Spanish and/or French is an asset
- willingness and ability to work as part of a team

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-19-06**) including relevant supporting documentation (cover letter outlining your motivation and skills, CV and list of publications, Bachelor and Master level study transcripts, two letters of recommendation, and two writing samples, at least one of which is single-authored) to:

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

Screening of applications will begin on 8 April 2019. Interviews for the position are planned for May 2019.

For further information, please visit the GIGA homepage ([www.giga-hamburg.de](http://www.giga-hamburg.de)) or contact Prof. Dr. Tobias Lenz (email: [tobias.lenz@giga-hamburg.de](mailto:tobias.lenz@giga-hamburg.de), phone: +49 (0)40 – 428 25 765).

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