

Ten doctoral positions to be filled in new research training group on “standards of governance”

We are looking for ten junior research fellows to pursue their doctoral studies in our new research training group on standards of good governance, which is based at the Technical University of Darmstadt and Goethe University Frankfurt. The group is funded by the German research foundation, initially for five years. It is highly interdisciplinary and brings together researchers from political science, sociology, philosophy and law. Research is focused on norms of good governance, which encompass transparency, accountability, representation and the rule of law but also more specific governance standards such as anti-corruption, gender equality or the systematic evaluation of policies. We are planning to analyze how governance standards emerge, how they spread internationally and how they are implemented in practice. Not least, we are interested in forms of societal and political resistance against efforts to standardize the quality of governance. The policy fields to be studied are economic and financial policy, development, environment and sustainability, basic rights and rule of law promotion. We will also analyze critically how good governance practices relate to more traditional ideals of democratic self-determination and popular sovereignty.

The doctoral positions are open to candidates from political science, sociology, philosophy, law or a related discipline who have a demonstrable research interest in the topics covered by the school. Applicants should have completed an MA/LLM or equivalent academic degree and propose an independent research project that they plan to pursue at the school. The successful candidate will be happy to work in an interdisciplinary environment and to participate in the research training activities of the group. Working knowledge of German is an asset but not required initially.

We offer a research position with a regular work contract (65% of full-time employment) and social security contributions for four years, a dynamic and international working environment with funding for conference travel and one longer research stay abroad. There are no teaching obligations attached to this position but there will be opportunities to offer seminars in English or German to local students. Electronic applications are accepted until 15 January 2023 and we are planning to interview candidates on 3 February. The proposed starting date is 1 April 2023. If you have questions about the positions please contact Prof. Dr. Jens Steffek at standards@pg.tu-darmstadt.de.

For more information on the research training group and the official job ad please [see](#)