

Job Advertisement

The Institute for Social Research (IfS) in Frankfurt am Main is currently seeking applications for the position of a

Post Doctoral Scientific Staff Member (f/m/d)

in the DFG Research Training Group »Gewohnter Wandel. Gesellschaftliche Transformation und räumliche Materialisierung des Wohnens« (GRK 2892/1) (»Societal Transformation and Spatial Materialisation of Housing«) to be filled by **1 October 2024** at 100%. Salary group designation is regulated according to the features of the job as outlined in the collective wage agreement applicable to the IfS (TV-H), extending to salary group 13 depending on personal qualifications. The term of the position is limited to 30 September 2029.

The interdisciplinary DFG Research Training Group is a cooperative project of Goethe University Frankfurt and Bauhaus University Weimar and explores the interdependence between societal transformation and the built environment of housing. The aim is to develop research perspectives through which questions of housing, its transformation and future can systematically be analysed. An accompanying study programme will facilitate knowledge of theories and methods of interdisciplinary housing research and will also strengthen core, interdisciplinary academic competencies. In addition, non-academic partners of the Research Training Group will provide practical knowledge on housing provision and housing research.

Within the scope of the **post-doctoral position**, the successful applicant will have the opportunity to develop a research profile with a focus on methodological and methodical questions of transdisciplinary housing research. This is linked to the establishment of a transdisciplinary housing laboratory at the IfS, wherein the societal transformation and spatial materialisation of housing through interventions of civil society will be researched along with political, economic and structural experiments.

Tasks

- Development of the transdisciplinary housing laboratory as an interface between theory and practice

- Personal academic qualification (e.g. with the goal of Habilitation) with a focus on methodological and methodical questions of transdisciplinary housing research
- Conception and realisation of participatory or transformative research projects
- Active involvement in the research and study programme of the RTG
- Regular presentation of personal research work within the RTG and at (inter)national conferences
- Publication and dissemination of findings both in academic formats and in formats that reach audiences not involved in academia, i.e. the general public

Appointment requirements

- A qualified, above-average university degree (Master, Diplom or comparable) in one of the represented disciplines or in a related discipline
- An excellent or very good doctoral degree in one of the represented disciplines or in a related discipline with a thematic reference to interdisciplinary housing research
- Practical experience and/or networks in civil society, the housing industry or housing policy (networking in Hesse or Thuringia in particular is desirable)
- Experience with theories and research methods with regard to housing research – in particular with participatory and/or transdisciplinary research approaches – is desirable
- Outstanding communication skills
- Ability and willingness to work in a team and independently
- Approximately native German language skills (C2 level pursuant to CEFR) and competent English language skills (at least C1 level pursuant to CEFR)
- Academic publications and research experience beyond the scope of one's doctoral degree are advantageous

Application

- The application should include the following documents: CV including a list of publications, university transcripts, doctoral degree certificate and a one-page letter of motivation.
- We also expect a short synopsis of no more than three pages on a participatory or transdisciplinary research project that promises to make an important contribution especially from a methodological perspective to interdisciplinary housing research

Further information regarding the research concept of the Research Training Group and the professors involved as well as the qualification concept and study programme can be found on the provisional **website of the Research Training Group**: <https://www.uni-weimar.de/de/architektur-und-urbanistik/institute/ifeu/forschung/gewohnter-wandel/>

There will be an **online informational event** on 19. April 2024 14:00 (MET) for the presentation of the research concept, the study programme and future working methods of the Research Training Group; there will also be the possibility to answer any questions you may have. Registration is not required. The link to participate can be found on the above website.

The IfS is actively committed to equal opportunities and against discrimination. We particularly welcome applications from women, non-binary persons and persons with a history of migration. Persons with a severe disability or equivalent will be given preferential consideration if they have the same qualifications; this also applies to women in areas where they are underrepresented.

Please send your application with the relevant documentation, electronically (as a single PDF no larger than 10 MB) quoting the reference number A+U/WP-07/24, to Ms. Pamela Passano at the following address by **15 May 2024**.

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Interviews will take place in mid-June 2024 in Frankfurt am Main.

If you have any questions, please contact the future spokesperson team in Weimar and Frankfurt (Prof. Dr Barbara Schönig and Prof. Dr Sebastian Schipper) and/or the coordinator of the Research Training Group at the e-mail address gewohnter.wandel@archit.uni-weimar.de.