

Three Visiting Fellowships on "Dynamics of Security" (2019)

The DFG Collaborative Research Centre "SFB/TRR 138: Dynamics of Security. Types of Securitization from a Historical Perspective", a cooperation of the Philipps University Marburg, the Justus Liebig University Gießen and the Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe, Marburg, Central Germany, is pleased to offer three visiting fellowships for excellent young researchers. The fellowships are available for a period of three to six months, either starting in January, February or March 2019.

Research Programme

The Collaborative Research Centres are institutions established at German universities for a period of up to 12 years that enable researchers to pursue an outstanding research programme, crossing the boundaries of disciplines. Within the context of the "SFB/TRR 138: Dynamics of Security. Types of Securitization from a Historical Perspective", 60 researchers are investigating how diverse conceptions of security have been developed throughout history, how they found their way into politics and turned into particular policies. The SFB/TRR focusses on the creation and institutionalization of security as interdependent, dynamic processes. Starting from the approach of the *Copenhagen School* in the field of International Relations, the SFB/TRR conceptually terms these dynamic processes *securitization*, and seeks to deepen and broaden the approach by including the historical perspective. The SFB/TRR does not adhere to a certain underlying, static definition of security: security, understood as a historically changeable and varying concept as mentioned above, is regarded as a societal construct, the object of competing interpretations and interests. In line with this approach, the research centre does not focus on a specific time period but on various epochs.

Fellowships

The fellowships are aimed at late-stage doctoral candidates and early career scholars. We offer a monthly grant of € 1,500 (tax-free, accident insurance cover; health insurance is, however, not included), as well as a travel grant for traveling expenses to and from Marburg/Gießen at the beginning and end of the stay. Visiting fellows are expected to contribute to the discussions and activities of our graduate school and to actively participate in workshops and seminars. This will also include a presentation of current research in one of the seminars, as well as the drafting of a report on research results once the stay is over.

The program is mainly affiliated with the department of history, but applications from political science, sociology, philosophy, history of art, law, and economics are equally encouraged.

Applications

Applications should be in English or German and should state to what extent the applicant will profit from the interaction with our research group, and vice-versa. Your application should include (a) a letter of motivation, (b) a CV (including publications and language skills), (c) copies of academic diplomas, (d) a short description (maximum of three pages) of the research project in progress, and (e) a testimonial letter from one university professor (for doctoral candidates this should be a thesis supervisor).

Please note that we only accept applications via email, preferably as a single PDF document. The letter of recommendation should be e-mailed to us by the referee.

Deadline

The deadline for applications and letters of recommendation is August 15, 2018. Please submit all documents to the following email address: marina.kraft@staff.uni-marburg.de

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the research group's academic coordinator, Angela Marciniak (angela.marciniak@staff.uni-marburg.de).