

The Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of the Helmut-Schmidt-Universität/Universität der Bundeswehr Hamburg (HSU/UniBw H), Chair of Political Science with a focus on International Security and Conflict Studies (Univ.-Prof. Dr. Anna Geis) invites applications **to the 01.01.2021** for a

### **Research Associate Position**

**(pay grade E13 TVöD, 25,35 hours per week)**

as part of the Hamburg-wide graduate programme „Democratising Security in Turbulent Times“ for a limited duration of **3 years**. The position is located within the research stream “redesigning democratic security”.

The Hamburg-wide graduate programme brings together core faculty from four research institutions: Universität Hamburg (UHH), Helmut-Schmidt-Universität/Universität der Bundeswehr Hamburg (HSU/UniBw H), Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy (IFSH) and German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA). Funded by the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, it is designed to form an intellectual hub for innovative, interdisciplinary and critical peace and security research.

The graduate programme examines fundamental reconfigurations of the relationship between security and democracy against the backdrop of growing political and societal polarisation, the advent of new digital technologies and the rescaling of security to arenas below and beyond the state. We analyse the possibilities and challenges of democratising security in three interconnected research perspectives: reordering democratic security and the emergence of new landscapes of security; reimagining democratic security as an affective matter around which communities and publics form; and redesigning democratic security through democratic experiments and the forging of norms. The overall question guiding the programme’s research efforts is how the relationship between security and democracy is re-configured under the current challenging conditions.

The English language graduate programme offers committed supervision within the disciplines of political science, sociology, criminology and communication studies as well as interdisciplinary exchanges and a creative space for collaborative learning among peers. The programme combines training in theory and research methods with key professional skills training and individual career mentoring. Within the programme, PhD researchers have the opportunity to engage in policy and civil society outreach activities and to develop international professional networks by pursuing research stays abroad and by taking part in international conferences and workshops.

For further information on the graduate programme please consult the website of the graduate programme (<https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/democratising-security>).

**Areas of responsibility:**

- The research associate actively participates in a structured graduate programme
- The research associate has to complete the doctoral qualification programme
- The research associate has to write a doctoral dissertation on a topic fitting into research stream three (“redesigning democratic security“) (For further information: <https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/democratising-security>)
- Presence in Hamburg is required (except for research related absences).

**Qualification Requirements:**

- A Master’s degree in a research-oriented Master’s programme in a relevant field, preferably in political science, International Relations, security studies, peace and conflict studies, or political theory.
- On completion of the Master’s degree (including a Bachelor’s degree) applicants must have reached the equivalent of 300 ECTS points.
- Research associates must have an excellent command of English.

**Applications should include:**

- a cover letter including a personal statement of motivation for the application. The cover letter should also outline general academic interests and fit with the graduate programme,
- a curriculum vitae,
- copies of degree certificate(s) and transcripts of records for previous studies (Bachelor and Master),
- an outline of a research project the candidate would like to pursue in research stream three (“redesigning democratic security“) of the graduate school as described on the website of the programme (about 4-6 pages, including abstract, research question, preliminary state of the art, statement on possible theoretical and methodological choices as well as statement on fit within the graduate school’s programme).
- one academic reference letter.

For further information on the position at (HSU/UniBw H) please contact Univ.- Prof. Dr. Anna Geis at [anna.geis@hsu-hh.de](mailto:anna.geis@hsu-hh.de) .

The employment contract is based on the provisions of the pertinent German Public Service Collective Bargaining Agreement (Tarifvertrag für den öffentlichen Dienst, TVöD) in conjunction with the applicable Academic Fixed-Term Contract Act (Wis-

senschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG). You will be classified in pay grade E 13 TVöD if you meet all the personal requirements and perform all the work assigned.

This position is open to persons of all genders. We explicitly welcome applications from women. Women will be given preferential consideration, if applicants are equal in aptitude, qualification and professional achievement in areas in which women are underrepresented, unless reasons concerning the personality qualifications of a fellow applicant takes precedence.

We explicitly welcome applications from handicapped people. Severely handicapped people and people of comparable status will be given preferential consideration, if applicants are equal in aptitude. They are only required to have a minimum of physical aptitude. Individual handicap-related limitations will only preclude preferential consideration, if the profile of the post in question absolutely requires certain capabilities.

Please send your application and the standard documents required – in electronic form (in **one** pdf file) only! – to the address below by **31.07.2020**, stating the reference number (**WiSo-1320**):

[personaldezernat@hsu-hh.de](mailto:personaldezernat@hsu-hh.de)

The three partner institutions UHH, IFSH and GIGA will conduct a separate selection process to fill four additional positions within the graduate programme:

<https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/en/forschung/forschungsschwerpunkte/profilinitiative-gewalt-und-sicherheitsforschung/lff-graduate-programme/application.html>

NOTE:

Information on data protection provisions within the scope of the application procedure can be found on the website of the Helmut Schmidt University/Bundeswehr University, Hamburg (HSU/UniBw H) under the heading "Universität - Karriere - Datenschutzinformationen".

Your application cannot be processed without indication of the reference number and will be deleted in accordance with applicable data protection regulations.

In case of doubt the German version shall be binding.

