

Hier  
entsteht  
Zukunft!



UNIVERSITÄT  
DES  
SAARLANDES

Foto: Uwe Beilhäuser

Saarland University is a campus university that is internationally recognized for its strong research programmes. Fostering young academic talent and creating ideal conditions for teaching and research are a core part of the university's mission. As part of the University of the Greater Region, Saarland University enables students and staff to share and exchange knowledge and ideas between disciplines, between universities and across borders. With over 17,000 national and international students, studying more than a hundred different academic disciplines, Saarland University is a diverse and dynamic learning environment. [Saarland University is officially recognized as one of Germany's family-friendly higher-education institutions and with a combined workforce of more than 4,000 it is one of the largest employers in the region.]

The Department of European Social Research is inviting applications for the following position commencing at the earliest opportunity.

### **Academic research assistant (m/f/x)**

**Reference number W2400**, salary in accordance with the German TV-L salary scale<sup>1</sup>, pay grade: E13 TV- L, duration of employment: 15.01.2024 – 14.01.2027, volume of employment: 65 % of standard working time.

#### **Workplace/Department:**

Department of European Social Research

#### **Job requirements and responsibilities:**

As part of the project "PROTEMO – Emotional dynamics of protective policies in an age of insecurity", a HORIZON EUROPE funded international research project coordinated by Saarland University, we invite applications for an open Ph.D. position. The position will be part of the research group of Prof. Georg Wenzelburger (Comparative European Politics), who is also acting as coordinator of the project together with a Post-Doc. PROTEMO aims to investigate the emotional roots of protective policies and their emotional consequences for individuals, groups of citizens and non-citizens as well as for democracy, political participation and mobilisation. The interdisciplinary research group consists of social and political psychologists, political scientists and sociologists from Denmark, Israel, Poland, Portugal, the UK and Germany and is led by the Saarland University. Within this broader context of this project and as part of the Saarland University PROTEMO-team, the Ph.D.-researcher will

---

<sup>1</sup> TV-L = collective agreement on remuneration of public sector employees in the German *Länder*

The pay grade assigned to an employee depends on their professional qualifications and the number of years of service. Each pay grade is further subdivided into levels. Entry-level employees with no previous experience will initially be assigned a level 1 rating. After one year at level 1 of the E10 pay grade, an employee will move up to level 2. After a further two years, the employee will move to level 3, etc.

- Perform a qualitative content analysis of political texts (e.g. speeches) about protective policies (e.g. law and order) with a focus on how emotions are elicited in these texts;
- Prepare and conduct elite interviews with political actors from Germany to study how emotional needs of citizens are perceived and translated in the policy process;
- Perform a process tracing analysis based on documentary research and elite interviews related to the question of how emotions influence the making of protective policies;
- Support the Saarland University project team with regard to common tasks, such as literature reviews and the preparation of consortium meetings;
- Support the Consortium with feedback on related workpackages.

As a Ph.D.-researcher at Saarland University you will be part of an highly motivated research group working in an international environment. As part of the interdisciplinary group of the PROTEMO project, you will have the opportunity to advance your own career in the international community working on a cutting-edge research question.

#### **Your tasks within PROTEMO:**

- Setting up a dataset consisting of public speeches and policy documents in relation to protective policies;
- Performing qualitative content analysis of the dataset with a focus on emotions;
- Collecting data on policy processes that led to political decisions about protective policies from documents and via elite interviews with a focus on the role emotions played in the process;
- Prepare literature reviews on emotions and protective policies;
- Joint work with the other subprojects from the project on related work packages;
- Representing the project at (inter-)national conferences.
- Publishing at scientific outlets based on the data collected within the project.

#### **Your profile:**

- Research interest in the topics of public policy research, political communication or political psychology;
- Skills in qualitative research methods;
- Very good skills in German and English
- Additional language skills in one of the following languages are a plus: Russian, Ukrainian, Portugese, Italian or a Scandinavian language are a plus.

#### **Your academic qualifications:**

- Completed university studies in the field of political science or neighboring fields.
- Language skills (according to GER): excellent spoken and written German; very good spoken and written English. Skills in any other language in particular from the list above (see “your profile”) are considered as a plus. (e.g.: *German -C2*)

#### **The successful candidate will also be expected to:**

- have social and communication skills, as well as demonstrated organizational skills, incl. self-direction
- have some experiences in collaborative work.

#### **What we can offer you:**

- A flexible work schedule allowing you to balance work and family, among other things the possibility of teleworking
- Secure and future-oriented employment with attractive conditions
- A broad range of further education and professional development programmes (for example language courses)
- An occupational health management model with numerous attractive options, such as our university sports programme
- Supplementary pension scheme (RZVK)
- Discounted tickets on local public transport services (‘Job-Ticket Plus’ of the saarVV)

We look forward to receiving your **meaningful online application** (in a PDF file) by **21.11.2023** to **georg.wenzelburger@uni-saarland.de**. Please include the reference number **W2400** in the subject line of the e-mail.

If you have any **questions**, please contact us for assistance. Your contact:

Herr Prof. Dr. Georg Wenzelburger  
georg.wenzelburger@uni-saarland.de  
Tel.: 0049 681 302 71222

Pay grade classification is based on the particular details of the position held and the extent to which the applicant meets the requirements of the pay grade within the TV-L salary scale. Part-time employment is generally possible.

If you have obtained a foreign university degree, a proof of the equivalence of this degree with a German degree by the Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen (ZAB) is needed before hiring. If necessary, please apply for this in time. You can find more information at <https://www.kmk.org/zeugnisbewertung>.

Unfortunately, neither costs for attending an interview at Saarland University nor costs for any certificate evaluation by the ZAB can be reimbursed in principle.

We welcome applications regardless of gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion/belief, disability, age, and sexual orientation and identity. In accordance with its policy of increasing the proportion of women, the University actively encourages applications from women. Applications from severely disabled persons will be given preferential consideration in the event of equal suitability.

When you submit a job application to Saarland University you will be transmitting personal data. [Please refer to our privacy notice for information on how we collect and process personal data in accordance with Art. 13 of the Datenschutz-Grundverordnung](#). By submitting your application you confirm that you have taken note of the information in the Saarland University privacy notice.