



Max-Planck-Institut für ethnologische Forschung Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

The Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology is one of the leading centres for research in social anthropology. Common to all research projects at the institute is the comparative analysis of social change; it is primarily in this domain that its researchers contribute to anthropological theory, though many programmes also have applied significance and political topicality.

The Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology is offering

Two positions for PhD students (starting 1 March 2023)

within the Research Group “**JUST MIGRATION: Labour Migration Regimes in transnationalised contexts**”, headed by Prof. Dr. Anuscheh Farahat (Max Planck Fellow and Professor of Law at the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg).

Project Description

The Research Group will explore:

- how labour migration regimes are negotiated and shaped in the context of the three challenges: marketisation, transnationalisation and sustainability
- potentially adverse, exclusionary and deterring effects of current labour migration law in the EU and its Member States
- the perception of EU and Member States' labour migration law in countries of origin and migrants
- possible ways in which labour migration law could take the interests of various stakeholders better into account to enhance their agency in labour migration governance.

For a detailed project description see: <https://www.eth.mpg.de/6174698/mpfg05>

Essential Duties & Responsibilities

The essential duty of the PhD student will be to develop, write and submit a PhD dissertation on a subject of relevance to the research group project. This should include a substantial period of empirical field research.

Successful applicants will contribute to the project and will work together with the PI. The project is a collaborative project of the MPI for Social Anthropology and the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg. This will give successful applicants the opportunity to develop a professional network both at the MPI in Halle and at the University in Erlangen, including participation in research seminars at the Centre for Human Rights Erlangen-Nürnberg (CHREN). The main place of work will be at the MPI in Halle. Successful applicants are encouraged to work in interdisciplinary collaboration with the other colleagues in the Department Law & Anthropology at the MPI in Halle, and should therefore have an intrinsic interest in interdisciplinary and team work.

The PhD students will be expected to contribute to project outputs such as publications and conferences.

Your Profile

The following prerequisites should be fulfilled:

1. an academic degree (Staatsexamen, master or equivalent) in law in hand at the time of taking up the position (1 March 2023), ideally with distinction
2. previous experience in socio-legal studies and knowledge of social science research methods is an asset, but not a prerequisite
3. willingness to conduct empirical field research (i.e. conducting and evaluating interviews) and to familiarize with the necessary methods
4. very good command of written and spoken English

5. proficiency in at least one other European language (ideally German, Spanish, French, Polish or Italian).

Our Offer

The PhD positions are awarded for three years, with the possibility of an extension up to 12 months (pending a positive evaluation). Employment will be on a full-time contractual basis. The workplace is Halle (Saale), a dynamic, historical town in central Germany (Sachsen-Anhalt) that is home to numerous renowned universities and scientific institutions. Our modern campus is in a quiet, picturesque neighbourhood near the centre of town.

Please note that the Max Planck Institutes do not award doctoral degrees. Doctoral students must therefore enroll at a university in or outside Germany. The choice of university will be agreed jointly by the successful applicant and the PI of the project.

The Max Planck Society is committed to raising the proportion of women in science; we thus explicitly encourage applications from female researchers. Individuals with disabilities will be given priority, assuming equal qualifications.

Contact

Please submit your application electronically by **15 January 2023** following the link for vacancies on our homepage (under 'Career'), or by going directly to the online application form using the link below.

Applicants should send the following documentation:

- cover letter
- CV including a list of publications
- evidence of serious interest in law and anthropology (evidence of interest can be shown through a 1-page tentative project description for the PhD, an earlier seminar paper/thesis, or a published article)
- copies of university degrees

Informal enquiries concerning the positions may be directed to Prof. Dr. Anuscheh Farahat (farahat@eth.mpg.de).

If you have questions regarding the application procedure, please contact:

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
Personnel Administration
Carolin Klevenow (klevenow@eth.mpg.de)

We look forward to receiving your completed online application under:

<https://recruitingapp-5034.de.umantis.com/Vacancies/453/Application/New/2%3Flang=eng>

Further information on the research agenda of the Max Planck Institute is available on our website:

<http://www.eth.mpg.de>

