

## Job advertisement reference number 88/2025

The Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies (Max-Weber-Kolleg) at the University of Erfurt invites applications in the fields of Classics, Music Didactics, North American and Modern History, Early Christianity, Religious Studies and Sociology as well as related subjects within the framework of the International Graduate School (IGS) "Resonant Self-World Relations in Ancient and Modern Socio-Religious Practices" directed by Prof. Dr. Jörg Rüpke and Prof. Dr. Hartmut Rosa (Erfurt) and Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Spickermann and Prof. Dr. Ursula Gärtner (Graz), funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the Austrian Research Foundation (FWF) for up to

### **2 post-doc positions for former members of the IGS "Resonant Self-World Relations" (start-up funding, 6 months) (f/m/d)**

Pay category E 13 TV-L (65 %)

Re-founded in 1994 as a reform university, the University of Erfurt considers itself as a research-oriented university that is highly committed to international cooperation as well as innovation in teaching and learning, with a special focus on teacher-training programs. With its strong profile in the humanities, cultural studies as well as social sciences and education, it is a cosmopolitan place for academic debate on key social and cultural challenges.

#### **Area of Responsibility**

The positions are to be filled by 1 March 2026 for a period of 6 months with the aim of writing a funding application for a research project to be pursued at the University of Erfurt.

The project is a cooperation between the Max-Weber-Kolleg at the University of Erfurt and the University of Graz. Participants are required to have defended their thesis within the research project.

#### **What we expect**

- excellent degree (Master or equivalent) in one of the above named or related disciplines and a Ph.D. defended within the joint research programme IGS
- excellent knowledge of English, good knowledge of German and other relevant language
- willingness to cooperate with colleagues within the interdisciplinary research environment of the Max-Weber-Kolleg, in particular the IGS, and the University of Graz
- willingness to take part in the joint study programme
- willingness to pursue a career in academia
- participation in the IGS "Resonant Self-World Relations".

## What we offer

The University of Erfurt promotes the compatibility of career and family/private life and supports flexible working hours. For academic staff, it offers a wide range of further training opportunities as well as coaching and mentoring as part of academic staff development ([www.uni-erfurt.de/go/akademische-pke](http://www.uni-erfurt.de/go/akademische-pke)). In addition, there are a number of health and prevention offers as part of the company health management programme.

## Comments/Remarks

The positions are tied to third-party funding and limited to a period of 6 months.

As an International Research Training Group, the programme's primary language is English.

The Call for Application is aimed at applicants who fulfil the requirements of Academic Fixed-Term Contracts Act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz). General conditions of employment of the Thuringian University Act (Thüringer Hochschulgesetz, ThürHG) § 91 pass. 5 apply.

If you have a foreign university degree, it is necessary that you apply for a certificate application at the Central Office for Foreign Education (Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen, ZAB). We recommend that you attach the corresponding certificate to your application documents, but you can also provide this certificate at a later stage of the process. Please note that this is a chargeable service provided by the ZAB. For more information, please visit <https://zab.kmk.org/de/zeugnisbewertung>.

The University of Erfurt sees itself as an open-minded employer that values diversity. It is committed to diversity and gender equality and welcomes applications that contribute to this. The University of Erfurt has successfully passed the "shaping diversity" audit, has been audited as a "family-friendly university" and regularly participates successfully in the female professor programme of the federal and state governments. One of the university's strategic goals is increasing the proportion of women in research and teaching. Severely disabled persons and those with equal status are given preference in the case of equal suitability, professional performance, and ability. It should be noted that even in the case of a repeated application or previous employment at the University of Erfurt, explicit reference must be made to the severe disability or equal status in the application, as this information is not automatically taken into account in the present procedure for data protection and organizational reasons.

Inquiries may be made to Dr. Elisabeth Begemann ([elisabeth.begemann@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:elisabeth.begemann@uni-erfurt.de)).

## Application Deadline

Your application must include the following: CV with publication list and an outline of the project you would like to pursue (10 pages including bibliography) with a stringent discussion of your research questions, the state of research on the topic, the methodological approach and the leading hypotheses as well as a working schedule and projected date of completion. Please send the application as **one pdf-file** (maximum of 10 MB) by **31 January 2026** to:

University of Erfurt • Max-Weber-Kolleg • [mwk.bewerbungen@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:mwk.bewerbungen@uni-erfurt.de)

Prospective candidates will be invited to personal interviews conducted in person or via video conferencing.

Please note that applications in electronic form must not exceed a size of 15 MB for technical reasons.

### **Data protection**

The University of Erfurt uses an e-mail system with transport encryption capabilities. Please send your e-mails with transport encryption, too. If you wish to encrypt the content of your e-mail further, please use the following e-mail address instead of the one provided above: [bewerbung@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:bewerbung@uni-erfurt.de). The certificate containing the public key you need to send an encrypted e-mail to that address is available at <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/universitaet/arbeiten-an-der-universitaet/stellenausschreibungen>. If you choose not to encrypt your e-mail using the certificate, we cannot guarantee that the content of your e-mail will be encrypted at all.

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By submitting your application, you also agree to the further processing of the submitted personal data within the application process. This agreement can be withdrawn at any point in written or electronic form, without specifying your reasons. Please note that withdrawal of your agreement may lead to your application not being further considered for the position applied for.

The further information on data protection in accordance with Art. 13 EU General Data Protection Regulation (EU GDPR) can be found in the [information sheet](#) ("Privacy Notices for Applicants") on our website under <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/universitaet/arbeiten-an-der-universitaet/stellenausschreibungen>.

### **Reimbursement of Expenses**

The University of Erfurt will not reimburse any costs related to the application.