

The Social Science Research Centre Berlin (WZB) seeks to hire two

JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS

in the research unit "Migration, Integration, Transnationalization" (directed by Prof. Dr. Ruud Koopmans, see <http://www.wzb.eu/zkd/mit/>), in the context of the project "Finding a Place for Islam in Europe: Cultural Interactions between Muslim Immigrants and Receiving Societies (EURISLAM)", preferably beginning on 1 February 2009, with a weekly working time of 19,5 hours. The duration of employment will be 2,5 years. Candidates interested in obtaining a Ph.D. degree may be offered the possibility to attend one of Berlin's Graduate Schools.

In cooperation with partner institutions in six European countries, the proposed research addresses the question of how different traditions of national identity, citizenship, and church-state relations have affected cultural distance or integration of Muslim immigrants in the receiving society. The following four immigrant groups will be studied: Moroccans, Turks, Pakistani, and Muslims from the former Yugoslavia. Methodologically, the project will combine media content analyses, survey research, indicators of legal frameworks, and expert interviews (for a de-tailed project outline see <http://www.wzb.eu/zkd/mit/projects.en.htm#eurislam>).

Tasks: The research fellows will work independently within the research project, write a Ph.D. thesis related to the project's topic, and contribute to publications on the results of the study. Data collection and analysis tasks will be divided among the two researchers according to their working experience and preferences.

Requirements: Applicants should have outstanding credentials in sociology or political science or a relevant social science specialization. Good knowledge of quantitative and/or qualitative research methods and good command of the English and German languages is required. Expertise in the field of migration and integration and command of a language of one of the relevant immigrant groups would be advantageous.

The salary will be in accordance with German civil service standards (E 13).

Disabled candidates with equal qualifications will be given preference; the WZB expressly invites women and persons of migrant background to apply.

Candidates are kindly requested to submit their applications and the usual accompanying documentation by no later than 15 December 2008 to:

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