

## **Profile of the professorship (W2/W3): “MIGRATION AND MOBILITY STUDIES”**

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### **1. Denomination**

The professorship is for: „Migration and Mobility Studies“. The full-time professorship includes teaching and research duties and is remunerated as W2 or W3 position (salary grade) under relevant state law.

### **2. Faculty and institution**

The professorship is part of the Institute for Sociology and Cultural Organization (ISCO) at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Research at ISCO is dedicated to cultural sociology and the sociology of culture and the arts, cultural organization and organization studies, digital cultures, mobility and migration, cultural theory as well as neighboring interdisciplinary discourses. The professorship cooperates with the other professorships at the ISCO and with colleagues across the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. The professorship is also expected to engage with, and contribute to, interdisciplinary research initiatives at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, esp. the Centre for Digital Cultures (CDC) and the Research Training Group »Cultures of Critique«.

### **3. Focus of the professorship**

The professorship is dedicated to the thriving, interdisciplinary and international fields of migration and mobility studies. Situated at the thresholds of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Sociology, Cultural Studies, Human Geography and Postcolonial Studies, the professorship is expected to contribute to and further develop the current ‘mobility turn’ in social and cultural theory, specifically its research on global phenomena and processes of migration and transnational mobility and their implications for understanding contemporary ‘immigration societies’. This context comprises research activities on the materialities and technologies of mobility and migration, such as the flows of data, capital and labour that reconfigure socio-economic structures and its processes of ordering and organization. It also entails research on the current shifts in ‘western’ democracies and the rise of populist and racist movements, which need to be understood and theorized in light of the conditions of contemporary global transformations. Methodologically, the professorship is situated in qualitative, esp. ethnographic research methods. Proven interest and expertise in collaboration with colleagues from other disciplines at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, as well as with civil society and political organizations is expected, as is the experience of establishing and developing international research networks around issues of mobility and migration.

#### *3.1 Contribution to research*

Due to the importance and relevance of the critical analysis of contemporary forms and processes of mobility and migration and their societal reverberations, the Professorship is expected to make a significant and independent contribution to the fields of migration studies and mobility studies. The successful candidate will be responsible for engaging in individual and collaborative research on the matters of concern outlined above. She/he is expected to establish a distinctive, innovative and internationally visible programme of



research as well as corresponding publications in high impact journals, books and conference proceedings. Building upon and further developing an international research profile for her- or himself, the successful candidate will further establish this research area as integral part of ISCO's focus on the globalized cultures of migration and mobility, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences' work on digital cultures and cultures of critique as well as future collaborative endeavours. This entails the (co-)development and (co-)writing of national and international research grants and overseeing research projects as well as the establishment and development of national and international research networks on questions of mobility and migration. Supervision of doctoral candidates and support of junior scholars is expected.

### *3.2 Contribution to teaching*

As regards teaching, the successful candidate is expected to contribute to Leuphana's cultural sciences / cultural analysis programs, in close cooperation with the colleagues from ISCO and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. This entails, for instance, offering courses in, and taking responsibility for modules such as »migration in global perspective«, »paradigms of cultural studies«, »cultural theory and cultural analysis«, »interculturality and postcolonial studies« or »racism and postcolonial studies«. The successful candidate is also expected to contribute to the development and realization of new majors and/or modules in cultural sciences programs. We welcome the active participation in the interdisciplinary study areas at Leuphana University.

In line with the international profile of the position, the teaching is expected to take place in English.

Corresponding to the research profile, we expect the Professorship to engage in conceptually sophisticated and methodically innovative forms of education. In accordance with the recommendations of the university's gender policies, Leuphana fosters gender and diversity related competences of its students. The professorship acknowledges this policy as a principle for teaching activities, is sensitive to gender and diversity issues and incorporates findings of gender studies and approaches to diversity in teaching.

### *3.3 Transfer, Outreach, and Further Education*

Perhaps more than ever, the cultural and social sciences are required to communicate research findings and inform – as well as engage in dialogue with – interested publics about their research finding. We thus welcome an active engagement with civil society on questions of migration and mobility as well as further contributions to the development of Leuphana's activities in transfer and outreach. Additionally, the successful candidate will provide support and guidance to students, assist research staff, engage with academic colleagues within the department and throughout the university. The professorship includes participation in academic self-administration.