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**As a University of Excellence, Universität Hamburg is one of the strongest research universities in Germany. As a flagship university in the greater Hamburg region, it nurtures innovative, cooperative contacts to partners within and outside academia. It also provides and promotes sustainable education, knowledge, and knowledge exchange locally, nationally, and internationally.**

The Faculty of Humanities invites applications for two positions as

## **RESEARCH ASSOCIATE IN THE DFG GRADUATE PROGRAM “COLLECTIVE DECISION-MAKING” - SALARY LEVEL 13 TV-L -**

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The position in accordance with Section 28 subsection 1 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG) commences on March 1, 2021.

This is a fixed-term contract in accordance with Section 2 of the academic fixed-term labor contract act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG). The initial fixed term is three years. The position calls for 75 % of standard work hours per week\*\*.

The English language graduate program is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and is concerned with the descriptive and normative dimensions of collective decision-making. It provides doctoral researchers in Economics, Philosophy and Political Science with a structured qualification program to do their doctorate in one of the three disciplines. The research program conceptualizes collective decision-making as a complex and interactive process involving individual preferences, epistemic and normative beliefs, as well as decision-making procedures and institutions. It integrates theoretical and empirical research, including experimental methods. The qualification program and supervision strategy will provide doctoral researchers with both the specialist disciplinary knowledge and skills for studying collective decision-making, as well as the interdisciplinary competence to converse across the three disciplines. The interdisciplinary research environment will support doctoral researchers in their efforts to make innovative contributions in their dissertations. Researchers completing the program will stand out for their ability to engage in advanced theoretical, empirical, and normative reasoning about collective decision-making and generate new ideas concerning the design of procedures to tackle the complex governance problems of modern society.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The research associate will be expected primarily to participate actively in the structured graduate program “Collective Decision-Making” and to teach. At least one-third of set working

\*\* Full-time positions currently comprise 39 hours per week.

hours will be made available for the research associate's academic qualification including the doctoral dissertation.

### **SPECIFIC DUTIES:**

The research associate has to complete the doctoral qualification program and to write a doctoral dissertation at the intersection of philosophy and economics on a topic related to the research program of the graduate program, especially on consensus and deliberative decision-making (project P1) or causality and responsibility in collective decision-making (project P6). The position involves teaching an undergraduate seminar course each semester. The teaching load is 2 hours per week. Presence in Hamburg is required except for research related absences.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

A Master's degree in a research oriented Master's program in Philosophy or in an interdisciplinary Master's program with a strong focus on philosophy, in particular moral and political philosophy. Candidates with a Master's degree in Economics who have some background in philosophy will also be considered. The Master's program should be closely related to the graduate program. On completion of the Master's degree (including a Bachelor's degree) applicants must have reached the equivalent of 300 ECTS points. The Master's degree must have been awarded by a recognized university or equivalent institution of higher education. Research associates must have an excellent command of English.

The Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg promotes equal opportunity. As women are currently underrepresented in this job category at Universität Hamburg according to the evaluation conducted under the Hamburg act on gender equality (Hamburgisches Gleichstellungsgesetz, HambGleiG), we encourage women to apply for this position. Equally qualified and suitable female applicants will receive preference.

Qualified disabled candidates or applicants with equivalent status receive preference in the application process.

For further information on the graduate program please consult our website at <https://www.uni-hamburg.de/cdm>. For further information about the research and teaching obligations please contact Prof. Dr. Matthew Braham at [matthew.braham@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:matthew.braham@uni-hamburg.de).

Applications should include a tabular curriculum vitae, copies of degree certificate(s) and transcripts of records for previous studies (Bachelor and Master), a personal statement, a substantial academic writing sample of about 5000 words (e.g. an excerpt of the candidate's master's thesis or a term paper), an outline of a research project the candidate would like to pursue (about 1000 words) and two academic reference letters. Personal statements should describe general academic interests and fit with the graduate program. Applications should be sent in one single pdf by 10.12.2020, to [cdm.wiso@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:cdm.wiso@uni-hamburg.de). Reference letters may be sent separately to [cdm.wiso@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:cdm.wiso@uni-hamburg.de).

Please do not submit original documents as we are **not** able to return them. Any documents submitted will be destroyed after the application process has concluded.