**Postdoc position in the research training group “standards of governance”**

We are looking for a senior research fellow (postdoc) to work in our new research training group on standards of good governance, which is based at the Technical University of Darmstadt and Goethe University Frankfurt. The research training group is funded by the German research foundation, initially for five years. It is highly interdisciplinary and brings together researchers from political science, sociology, philosophy and law. Research in the group is focused on norms of good governance, which encompass transparency, accountability, representation and the rule of law but also more specific governance standards such as anti-corruption, gender equality or the systematic evaluation of policies. We are planning to analyze how governance standards emerge, how they spread internationally and how they are implemented in practice. Not least, we are interested in forms of societal and political resistance against efforts to standardize the quality of governance. The policy fields to be studied are economic and financial policy, development, environment and sustainability, basic rights and rule of law promotion. We will also analyze critically how good governance practices relate to more traditional ideals of democratic self-determination and popular sovereignty.

The position is open to candidates from political science, sociology, philosophy, law or a related discipline who have a demonstrable research interest in the topics covered by the research training group. Applicants should have completed their PhD/JD or equivalent academic degree within the last three years and propose an independent research project that they plan to pursue at the school. The successful candidate will have topical research experience, first academic publications, be happy to work in an interdisciplinary environment and to help develop the research program of the graduate school further. Working knowledge of German is an asset but not required initially.

We offer a full-time research position for five years, a dynamic and international working environment with funding for conference travel and a longer research stay abroad. There are no teaching obligations attached to this position but there will be opportunities to offer seminars in English or German to local students. Candidates will also have the possibility to complete the Habilitation. Electronic applications are accepted until 15 January 2023 and we are planning to interview candidates on 3 February. If you have questions about the position please contact the designated spokesperson of the research training group, Prof. Dr. Jens Steffek, at [standards@pg.tu-darmstadt.de](mailto:standards@pg.tu-darmstadt.de). The proposed starting date is 1 April 2023. For more information and the official job ad please see

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