

Job advertisement

The **Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy** at the University of Hamburg (IFSH) is looking for two researchers (social anthropology, ethnographically oriented sociology or human geography, post-doc, m/f/d), one from Georgia/the Caucasus, one from Kyrgyzstan/Central Asia for the project *Local Peace in Central Eurasia: Studying Peace Formation in Customary and Patronal Contexts*.

The IFSH is an interdisciplinary research institution at the University of Hamburg. Its research activities concentrate on the analysis of current developments and challenges for peace and security with a focus on the Euro-Atlantic and Euro-Asian region (www.ifsh.de).

The project *Local Peace in Central Eurasia: Studying Peace Formation in Customary and Patronal Contexts* asks how and why local actors contribute to peace formation in customary and patronal contexts. It aims at exploring and identifying local actor's peace formation strategies and challenges to local peace by ethnographic fieldwork and participatory research in Georgia and Kyrgyzstan. Its findings will contribute to academic and policy debates on the local turn in peacebuilding and development. The project is funded by the German Foundation for Peace Research and research takes place in close collaboration with the project manager Anna Kreikemeyer IFSH.

Your tasks:

- You are ready to contribute to comprehensive background studies of the planned research sites in Georgia or Kyrgyzstan;
- You are ready to do ethnographic fieldwork (three stays of once six and two times three months) in two selected research sites (one rural/one urban) in Georgia or Kyrgyzstan each;
- During the second and third fieldwork you try to organize small participatory research projects, depending on access;
- You are ready to take over preparatory, organizational and administrative tasks in the framework of your fieldwork;
- You support the head of the team and your colleagues in achieving the overall aims and the action plan of the project.
- You coordinate your work and meet in regular online- as well as two on-site meetings at IFSH (travel costs covered by the project budget).
- You elaborate one paper on your fieldwork and contribute with your findings to two co-authored papers on problems of local peace formation and on interdisciplinary peace research. All papers should be published in international journals (double blind peer reviewed);
- You contribute to knowledge transfer activities towards different target groups;
- Together with your colleagues you present your findings at an international conference.

Your profile:

- You have successfully finished a PhD/dissertation in social anthropology, ethnographic oriented sociology or human geography;

- You have experiences in ethnographic fieldwork in rural/urban places in the Caucasus or Central Asia;
- You have in-depth knowledge on cultural, political, economic and societal developments in Kyrgyzstan or Georgia or a neighboring state in the Caucasus or Central Asia;
- You are highly interested/have knowledge in participatory research methods and are ready to design and implement concrete projects in your respective research sites;
- You are highly interested/have knowledge in literature and academic debates on problems of international peacebuilding, interdisciplinary cooperation in the humanities, conceptual work on social orders, on peace formation and on human security;
- You have published high quality single- or co-authored academic papers in international peer-reviewed journals or books.
- You have excellent written and oral knowledge of the English language;
- You speak local languages (Kyrgyz or Georgian);
- You have communication skills and work both team-oriented and with self-initiative and independence.

You can expect:

- the opportunity to shape and develop your own area of responsibility;
- flexible working hours with the possibility of mobile working;
- thorough, structured induction and close cooperation with experts;
- the opportunity to work in a committed, appreciative team and in an exciting international working environment;
- the opportunity for further training;
- remuneration via a stipend (fee contract) of € 700/month/person for the entire project duration of 30 months depending on the submission of partial works of the above mentioned research tasks;
- financial support for travel and accommodation to fieldwork and onsite meetings in Hamburg

You are interested?

- Please, send us your application in a PDF-file with cover letter, CV, contact details of references until 27 March 2023;
- Work samples (materials, studies, etc.) are welcome.
- An outline on the question: *How do you envisage ethnographic and participatory research on local peace actors in Georgia or Kyrgyzstan ?* Is welcome, too (max. 3 p.).
- Please, refrain from submitting an application photo.
- Diversity is important to us. We welcome applications from people regardless of their ethnic, cultural and social background, nationality, gender, disability, age or sexual orientation.

More information

Please contact Anna Kreikemeyer (kreikemeyer@ifsh.de).

We look forward to receiving your application!