The University of Konstanz is one of eleven Universities of Excellence in Germany. Since 2007, it has been successful in the German Excellence Initiative and its follow-up programme, the Excellence Strategy.

The Cluster of Excellence “The Politics of Inequality” is pleased to announce the availability of two doctoral positions (65%, TV-L 13) offered by Professor Gerald Schneider and Junior Professor Christina Zuber in the research project “Administrative Inequality: The Case of Foreign Nationals in Germany”, starting from 1st October 2021. The positions are initially offered for one year, with the possible extension to a further three years after the successful presentation of the thesis proposal.

Project Description: Foreign nationals with a similar background frequently face varying chances to obtain German visas, work permits or passports. The Administrative Inequality project examines unequal treatment of foreigners in the domain of visa and naturalization decisions by comparing the decision-making behaviour of German consulates across the world and of citizenship offices across German counties and states. The project builds on the collaboration between the Department of Politics and Public Administration and the Department of Law of the University of Konstanz.

Applications are welcome from highly motivated graduates or pending graduates with a research-oriented Master’s degree in any discipline of the social sciences and the following competences:

- An interest in political and administrative decision making, as well as citizenship and migration studies
- Expertise in qualitative (case studies, interviews) and quantitative methods
- Openness to do field work
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English, German and preferably working knowledge of a third language.

Accepted applicants will be enrolled in the newly established Graduate School of the Social and Behavioural Sciences (GSBS).

All applicants for the positions should apply via the GSBS website: https://www.gsbs.uni-konstanz.de/application/how-to-apply/


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