

The German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA) / Leibniz-Institut für Globale und Regionale Studien is an independent Social Science research institute based in Hamburg. It analyses political, social, and economic developments in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East, and links this knowledge to questions of global significance. It combines region-specific analysis with innovative comparative research on accountability and participation, globalisation and development, peace and security, and global order and foreign policies. The GIGA seeks to appoint a

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Applications are invited for a full-time position, with a contract of up to 16 months, **starting on 1 June 2022**. The position is designed for further professional qualification as defined in § 2 WissZeitVG (Academic Fixed-Term Contract Act). The salary is commensurate with TV-AVH / TVöD EG 13.

The successful candidate will work as part of the project “Freedom and Development? Freedom of religion or belief, religious actors, and sustainable development,” funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and will primarily work on identifying **religious actors that might be suitable partners for development co-operation**.

Tasks will include:

- A comparative analysis of religious actors, especially Faith-Based Organisations (FBOs), in six countries (Burkina Faso, Eritrea, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, and Sudan), as potential partners for European and German development cooperation (including possibly the coordination of actor mappings for Ethiopia and Sudan)
- Conceptualisation of the benefits and challenges regarding development cooperation with FBOs in general
- Participation in knowledge-transfer activities such as writing briefing papers and contributing to public and other presentations
- Co-authoring manuscripts for submission to scholarly journals
- Statistical analyses of the relationship between religion and sustainable development – e.g. activities of religious actors in the context of freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) and selected sustainability goals (e.g. education, gender equality, peace and democracy) – are also possible.

Mandatory qualifications:

- A doctoral degree in Political Science, Economics, or other Social Sciences, or advanced doctoral studies
- Comparative skills regarding qualitative comparisons
- Conceptual skills for drafting recommendations on development policies
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Desired qualifications:

- Knowledge of or keen interest in the topic of religion's effects on sustainable development and politics, especially religious actors as partners for development cooperation
- Ambition to pursue a career in academia or policymaking, or both

- Statistical skills regarding cross-country time series, geo-referential regressions, or other related techniques (including visualisation skills) are an asset
- German-language skills are an important asset (as required for knowledge transfer to the Ministry in terms of reports and general communication)

Part-time options will be considered, if so desired by the successful candidate. Diversity and the reconciliation of work and family life are of great importance to the Institute. The GIGA promotes the equality of all genders.

Please fill out the GIGA application form (found at <https://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/career/>) and send it with your full application (**Ref.-No. GIGA-22-04**) including relevant supporting documentation (one-page cover letter / letter of motivation, CV including list of publications, and contact details of two potential referees) as ONE document (except for the completed GIGA application form) to:

**German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA),
Neuer Jungfernstieg 21, 20354 Hamburg, Germany
Email: jobs-iaa@giga-hamburg.de** (email applications are particularly welcome).

Screening of applications will begin on **11 April 2022**.

For further information, please visit the GIGA homepage (www.giga-hamburg.de) or contact Prof. Dr. Matthias Basedau (email: matthias.basedau@giga-hamburg.de).



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