

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

Research Fellow

Applications are invited for a part-time position (65%), with a contract of three years, preferably starting no later than 1 October 2022. The salary is commensurate with TV-AVH / TVöD EG 13. The successful candidate will work within the project [Democratic Institutions in the Global South](#) (DEMINGS) funded by the Leibniz Association. This project is led by Prof. Dr. Mariana Llanos.

The successful candidate will

- pursue their individual research and publication agenda in cooperation with the DEMINGS project's research team;
- be an active member of the GIGA and the GIGA Doctoral Programme, be affiliated to one of GIGA's regional institutes, and belong to the Research Programme "Accountability and Participation";
- enrol as a doctoral student at the University of Erfurt, corresponding to the affiliation of the project leader;
- contribute to all project components as appropriate, participate in international conferences, and be able to undertake fieldwork for their own research; and
- engage in the dissemination of research findings within the academic and policy communities, as well as among the wider public.

Applicants are expected to

- possess a university degree (master's or equivalent) with a very strong grade point average in Political Science, Sociology, Economics, History, or a related discipline (normally, we expect candidates to have a GPA of 1.5 (German equivalent) or better);
- present a high-quality research proposal that shows a clear fit with the aims of the DEMINGS project, i.e., one that has a clear focus on democratic institutions and a strong empirical component, and that deals with a country or set of countries from the Global South (a proposal with a cross-regional or comparative area studies focus is particularly welcome); and
- have a strong command of the English language (German is not a prerequisite).

Desired qualifications:

- familiarity with research on political institutions and democratisation
- proficiency in the application of social-science methods (qualitative and/or quantitative)
- proficiency in additional languages spoken in one of the four GIGA regions relevant to the applicant's potential research at the GIGA

We strongly welcome international applications. 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 application form (found at <https://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/career/>) and send it together with your full application (**Ref.-No. GIGA-22-03**), including

- a letter of motivation, CV, and a research proposal of maximum 2,000 words;
- simple copies of degrees and academic transcripts (bachelor's, master's, others (or equivalents)), proof of English-language competency;
- an additional academic writing sample; and
- names and contact details of two references

to:

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(E-mail applications are particularly welcome.)

Screening of applications will begin on 1 May 2022. For further information, please visit Prof. Dr. Mariana Llanos's webpage or write to the e-mail address provided above.



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