

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, peace and security, globalisation and development, and global order and foreign policies. The GIGA seeks to appoint a

Doctoral Researcher for the Project “CLICCS – Climate, Climatic Change, and Society” B3: Conflict and Cooperation at the Climate-Security Nexus

Applications are invited for a part-time position (65%), with a contract of three years, preferably starting on 1 September 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.

CLICCS is an ambitious research programme at Universität Hamburg and its partner institutions, among them the GIGA. Funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), it is part of Germany’s Excellence Strategy.

The programme aims to understand climate changes, taking into account internal variability, extreme events, and unexpected side effects, addressing the natural and social spheres as well as their interactions. Thus CLICCS’ overarching research question is: which climate futures are possible and which are plausible? CLICCS will investigate how climate changes and how society changes with it, thereby feeding back on climate. It will identify those climate futures that are consistent with both climate and social dynamics (possible), and those we expect to unfold with appreciable probability (plausible).

The Doctoral Researcher will become a member of the CLICCS Graduate School, which aims to help young academics thrive through all stages of their training, for more information please check the link: [Graduate School](#).

Responsibilities:

Duties include academic services in the project named above. The Doctoral Researcher will also pursue independent research and further academic qualifications.

Specific Duties:

The Doctoral Researcher will participate in the CLICCS-B3 project “Conflict and Cooperation at the Climate–Security Nexus” (<https://www.cliccs.uni-hamburg.de/research/theme-b/b3.html>), the [GIGA Research Programme “Peace and Security”](#) and one of the [GIGA’s regional institutes](#). The Doctoral Researcher will pursue her/his own doctoral project, contribute to the CLICCS-B3 project, and investigate the relationship between climatic conditions/climate change on the one hand and violent conflict and/or societal cooperation on the other.

The research agenda should be clearly situated in GIGA's [Global Approach to Scholarship](#) and [Comparative Area Studies \(CAS\)](#) contributing both to theoretical and empirical knowledge creation, preferably within a peace and conflict studies perspective.

Expected qualifications:

- excellent degree in Social Sciences (Political Science, International Relations, Development Economics, Sociology, or related disciplines)
- present a high-quality proposal for her/his doctoral thesis showing a clear fit with the aims of the above-mentioned project
- strong theoretical and comparative methodological skills (qualitative and/or quantitative)
- strong command of the English language; German is an asset but not a prerequisite
- prior work in peace and conflict research and/or on climate-related themes is an asset

We welcome international applications. Other 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 application form (found at <https://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/career/>) and send it together with your full application (**Ref.-No. 22-07**), including relevant supporting documentation (a cover letter including methodological and regional expertise, CV, copies of degree certificate(s) as well as a one-page outline of a doctoral research project relating to the "conflict and cooperation at the Climate-Security Nexus"), as one PDF file (except for the completed GIGA application form) to:

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IAA Secretariat

Neuer Jungfernstieg 21, 20354 Hamburg, Germany

Email: jobs-iaa@giga-hamburg.de (email applications are particularly welcome).

Note on data protection: By submitting your application, you agree that the GIGA may grant access to your application documents to other institutions participating in the CLICCS programme, namely Universität Hamburg.

Screening of applications will begin on **8 August 2022**. For further information, please visit the GIGA homepage (www.giga-hamburg.de) or contact Dr. Christian von Soest (email: christian.vonsoest@giga-hamburg.de) and/or consult the CLICCS website at <https://www.cliccs.uni-hamburg.de/>.