

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 orders and foreign policies.

The GIGA invites applications for **two positions** with a contract of 3 years, starting as soon as possible. The successful candidates will work at GIGA's new **Digital Transformation Lab (DigiTraL)** under the lead of Prof. Amrita Narlikar, Dr. Christian von Soest, and Apl. Prof. Jann Lay, funded by the Federal Foreign Office.

DigiTraL will analyse the political drivers and consequences of the global digital transformation with a focus on diplomacy and statecraft. The research will study the related global developments and include perspectives and actions of countries, companies, and citizens from Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

One Postdoctoral Research Fellow (m/f/d)

The salary of this full-time position is commensurate with EG 14 TV-AVH / TVöD. Tasks will include the coordination of DigiTraL.

One Research Fellow (m/f/d)

The salary of this part-time position (65%) is commensurate with EG 13 TV-AVH / TVöD. The GIGA encourages concurrent work on a doctoral degree.

Tasks will further include:

- Conducting theoretically grounded empirical-analytical research using the latest comparative methods, preferably quantitative methods, related to one of the three fields:
 - Negotiations, diplomacy, and multilateral governance (international negotiations in a digital age; "twitter diplomacy"; cyber sanctions)
 - The geo-political and geo-economic impact of digital technologies (geo-strategic competition, digital technologies, and standards setting; critical infrastructure and services; cyber and denial-of-service attacks)
 - Digitalisation and political processes (social media and mobilisation, radicalisation, and social contestation; information campaigns, censorship and disinformation; digital instruments of repression; digitalisation in electoral processes; transnational influence on political processes)
- DigiTraL-related research and publication agenda
- Knowledge transfer and outreach activities, such as writing policy briefings, staff exchange, workshops, and events

Mandatory qualifications:

- An excellent doctoral or Master's degree, respectively, in social sciences, economics or another discipline related to the research profile of the GIGA and DigiTraL
- Outstanding academic record with a clear fit to DigiTraL
- Proficiency in English

Desired qualifications:

- Knowledge of innovative research methods and related software
- Team oriented personality
- Field work and project work experience are an asset

(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 GIGA application form (found at <https://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/career/>) and send it with your full application (**Ref.-No. GIGA-21-04.**) including relevant supporting documentation (cover letter, CV, credentials/diplomas/certificates, names and contact details of two references, list of publications, max. two work samples, concept note [max. 2 pages] on your potential contribution to DigiTraL) as one PDF (except for the completed GIGA application form) to:

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

Screening of applications will begin on 1 March 2021.

For further information, please visit the GIGA homepage (www.giga-hamburg.de) or contact Julia Kramer (email: julia.kramer@giga-hamburg.de).



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