

The Chair of Economic Geography, Department of Geography, Universität Bayreuth

Research Associate/PhD-position, Digitized Capitalism from a Labor-centred Perspective

The Chair of Economic Geography, Department of Geography, at Bayreuth University is recruiting a Research Associate at doctorate level (Wissenschaftliche/-r Mitarbeiter/-in). The position is to be filled by August 1st, 2019. The remuneration is according to remuneration group 13 TV-L. The working time is 75 per cent of the regular weekly working time of a full-time employee.

Your tasks include services in research and teaching, including courses in methods of empirical research in the BSc. Geography and MSc. Urban and Regional Research programmes (<https://www.geographie.uni-bayreuth.de/en/teaching/index.html>)

In addition, you will participate in designing a research project and an application for third-party funding that deals with how digitization reshapes the spatialities, socialities and materialities of work (e.g., in manufacturing) in contemporary capitalism, adopting a geographically comparative perspective (e.g., Germany and South Africa).

The position is limited in time (three years, with options to extend) according to the Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz and serves to promote scientific qualification (doctorate level). The duration of the employment relationship depends on legal and personal requirements. In all other respects, the employment requirements of the Bavarian Higher Education Personnel Act (Bayerisches Hochschulpersonalgesetz) apply.

Applicants should have an excellent Master's degree in human geography with a focus on economic geography or related disciplines (e.g. sociology of work, industrial sociology). You should be particularly interested in critical, heterodox perspectives on the changing geographies of a digital capitalism, as well as in the further development of economic geography research methods portfolio at the department. German language skills are an asset but not a requirement. Acquiring German skills in the course of employment is desirable.

We offer an exciting research environment in a newly established team at a university known for its innovative research agendas and study programmes. The future work of the team will focus on the major transformations of digitized capitalism along the themes of "Finance-Nature", "Work-Labor" and "Cargo-Commodities". For further information, see: <https://www.wigeo.uni-bayreuth.de/de/index.html>.

The town of Bayreuth, couched between Frankonian Switzerland and the Fichtel Mountains, offers a wide range of activities, especially for nature enthusiasts. The major city of Nuremberg can be reached via train in 45 minutes.

People with severe disabilities are given preferential employment if they are equally qualified. The University of Bayreuth is striving to increase the proportion of women among its staff and is therefore urging women to apply.

Please send your complete application (letter of application including 1-page research sketch on a potential PhD topic in line with the overall theme, CV, university and high school certificates) as a PDF (one file only!) by May 15th, 2019 to:

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