

## Freie Universität Berlin - Department of Political and Social Sciences - Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science



### University Professor of Comparative Political Science with a focus on politics and society in Africa

City: Berlin; Starting Date: At the earliest possible; Remuneration: W2 fixed-term appointment (five years), with tenure track W3; Reference number: W2 Tenure W3 Afrika; Closing date: 11/02/21

#### Working field

The successful applicant will cover the area named above in research and teaching.

#### Requirements

Appointment requirements are governed by Article 100 of the Berlin Higher Education Act (Berliner Hochschulgesetz – BerlHG).

Successful candidates should hold a doctoral degree or additional academic achievements (as per Article 100, para. 2 and 6 of the Berlin Higher Education Act) in the field of political science. Applicants should be able to demonstrate, through peer-reviewed publications, an excellent international research record in the area of “Comparative Political Science with a focus on politics and society in Africa.” They should have international teaching experience and be able to teach in German and English. Experience in acquiring and leading externally funded research projects is also desired. Furthermore, we are especially interested in applicants with experience in managing and implementing knowledge transfer activities.

Along with the regular official duties of professors listed in Article 99 of the Berlin Higher Education Act, we expect the appointee to engage in the following activities:

The new professor will teach the relevant modules in the political science BA and MA degree programs at the Otto Suhr Institute. The appointee will also participate in department projects related to collaborative research and the Excellence Strategy, including, in particular, the Cluster of Excellence “Contestations of the Liberal Script (SCRIPTS).” They should also be prepared to fill any gaps in their knowledge of German so that by the time of their tenure review they have at least C1-level (CEFR) proficiency. The appointee is also expected to deal with gender and diversity studies within the scope of their research and teaching.

## **What We Offer**

The position entails a five-year appointment as a civil servant for a fixed period ("Beamter/Beamtin auf Zeit"). The fixed-term appointment is tied to the agreement that if the appointee successfully passes the tenure review, they will be appointed to a permanent professorship through a streamlined appointment procedure (i.e., the permanent appointment will not be advertised as a separate position). As part of this process, performance goals will be negotiated at the time the fixed-term professor is hired. The fulfillment of those goals will be assessed as part of the tenure review (Article 102 c of the Berlin Higher Education Act, § 102 c BerIHG).

The performance goals will cover (but are not limited to) the following areas:

- Research
- Teaching
- Promoting early-career researchers
- Academic committee work
- Leadership and management
- Language proficiency

At the time of appointment to the permanent professorship, all general regulations and conditions regarding public sector employment must be fulfilled.

In addition, any candidates who completed their doctoral degree at Freie Universität Berlin and/or are employed at Freie Universität Berlin must comply with the regulations stipulated by the Berlin Higher Education Act, Article 102 c, paragraph 3 in conjunction with paragraph 7.

## Application

Applications should include a CV, copies of all certificates of academic qualification in German or English; letters of appointment (please add translations if applicable), a list of publications, a list of courses previously taught and evidence of teaching competence. Please include information on involvement in ongoing and future research endeavors, joint research projects, externally funded projects and, if necessary, language certificates. If applicable, please give information on teaching experience in primary and secondary education, partnerships with industry, inventions/patents, and spin-offs.

All materials, including a personal postal address and email, must be received **\*\*no later than February 11th, 2021\*\***, preferably electronically. Please indicate the **\*\*reference code\*\*** for the position when you submit your materials in one PDF file (maximum 5 MB), to the following address:

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Fachbereich Politik- und Sozialwissenschaften  
Dekanat  
Mrs. Mrozek  
Ihnestraße 21  
14195 Berlin Germany  
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Application materials sent by mail cannot be returned.

Application guidelines, general information on the appointment procedure, appointment requirements for professorships at Freie Universität Berlin, and the regulations defined by the Berlin Higher Education Act which are relevant for professorships (Articles 99, 100, 101, 102 a, 102c BerlHG) can be found online: [www.fu-berlin.de/bbs](http://www.fu-berlin.de/bbs)

With an electronic application, you acknowledge that FU Berlin saves and processes your data. FU Berlin cannot guarantee the security of your personal data if you send your application over an unencrypted connection.

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