

Founded in 1607, Justus Liebig University Giessen (JLU) is a research university rich in tradition. Inspired by curiosity about the unknown, we enable around 28,000 students and 5,700 employees to advance science for society. Join us in breaking new ground and writing success stories - your own and those of our university.

Support us from as soon as possible in part-time (2x 65 %) as a

PhD Position (m/f/d) in the field of Security Studies and/or Social Studies of Finance

Both positions are part of the externally funded project “Financial Infrastructures and Geoeconomic Security” and are limited until 31.12.2025 at the Chair of Sociology with a Focus on General Comparative Studies, Department of Sociology at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies. The salary is in accordance with the collective labour agreement of the State of Hessen (E 13 TV-H).

The interdisciplinary Collaborative Research Centre/Transregio 138 “Dynamics of Security – Forms of Securitisation from a Historical Perspective” at Justus Liebig University Giessen and Phillips University Marburg studies the historical development of understandings of security and their entanglement with political processes and institutionalisation under varying historical circumstances. The announced researcher positions are affiliated with the Centre’s sub-project C05 “Financial Infrastructures and Geoeconomic Security” lead by Andreas Langenohl and Carola Westermeier. The sub-project pursues different empirical perspectives. It investigates firms of the digital economy that offer services in the field of international financial transactions and are increasingly based in the European Union, in Russia and in China, and entertain relationships with governments and administrations in these areas. The project also analyses the changing role of central banks as traditional providers of payment and transaction infrastructures, which in their turn maintain close relationships with political and government institutions.

Your tasks at a glance

- Original research within the research agenda of the sub-project C05, in particular, investigation into forms of cooperation between political and administrative actors and institutions on the one hand, and commercial enterprises in the field of international transaction and payment systems on the other hand, with a particular focus on Russia and/or China
- Presentation of research at national and international conferences as well as within the Centre
- Supporting the principal investigators of the sub-project in coordinative tasks
- Active participation in the Centre’s events and research units

In addition to working on the project, there is the opportunity to pursue a doctorate.

Your qualifications and competences

- You hold a very good or excellent Master’s (or equivalent) degree in the field of the social sciences or adjacent fields
- Your study record demonstrates a thematic focus on the field of critical security studies, the social study of finance, or political economy
- Additional knowledge of the geopolitical role of Russian and/or Chinese actors, institutions and companies in the field of international payment and transaction systems would be beneficial

Our offer

- The opportunity to conduct research in an interdisciplinary and international context and, including resources for research, travel
- Comprehensive support for your PhD project

- Family-friendly working environment (flexible working hours, with the possibility of also working from home)
- Free use of regional public transport (LandesTicket Hessen)
- More than 100 training seminars, workshops and e-learning opportunities per year for personal development, as well as a wide range of health and sports activities
- Remuneration according to TV-H, company pension scheme, child allowance and special payments and 30 days of paid annual leave

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Prof. Dr. Andreas Langenohl or Dr. Carola Westermeier via e-mail (andreas.langenohl@sowi.uni-giessen.de; carola.westermeier@staff.uni-marburg.de).

JLU aims to employ more women in academic research. We therefore particularly encourage female candidates to apply. JLU is regarded as a family-friendly university. Applicants with children are very welcome. Applications from disabled people of equal aptitude will be given preference.

You want to break new ground with us?

Apply via our [online form](#) by **January 4th, 2022** indicating reference number 664/03.

Your application contains

- A cover letter
- Your curriculum vitae
- Relevant certificates
- Master or Diploma thesis, including reviews if available
- One-page outline in which you describe your perspectives on the research project

We look forward to receiving your application.