As part of the Research Training Group 2951 "Cross-border Labour Markets: Transnational Market Makers, Infrastructures, Institutions", funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), the following position is available at the Faculty of Sociology (conditional on funding approval):

**Postdoc Position**

The Research Training Group 2951 "Cross-border Labour Markets" is jointly run by Bielefeld University and the University of Duisburg-Essen. Starting from April, 1st, 2024, it offers a postdoc researcher position for a 5 year period of time at the Faculty of Sociology of Bielefeld University. The position gives the successful applicant the opportunity to conduct their own research project, within the confines of the RTG research programme, within an inspiring international and interdisciplinary intellectual environment. The RTG investigates cross-border labour markets with an emphasis on their transnational embeddedness, and concentrates on the questions of under which conditions and how they emerge and on the role transnational 'market makers' (such as states, multinational corporations, or intermediaries), transnational infrastructures (such as means of transportation, accomodation, or social networks), and transnational institutions (rules and regulations, visa and border regimes, recognition of qualifications, or industrial relations) play in this regard. For more details on the RTG, its research programme and participating researchers, please consult the RTG webpage (https://grk2951.de/).

**Your Tasks**

- conducting their own research project related to the RTG's research programme and publishing the results (80 %). We expect the successful applicant to develop a project with an ambitious comparative (case, country, or world regional comparisons) or multi-level (various scales of embeddedness of cross-border labour markets) research design.
- participating in the workshops and events of the RTG (15 %)
- contributing to the further development of the RTG research programme (5 %)

**Your Profile**

*We expect*

- completed scientific university degree (e. g. Master) in sociology, or a related social science
- excellent doctoral degree, earned in an area of research relevant to the RTG research programme
- open-mindedness towards the academic disciplines involved in the RTG, and commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration
- excellent command of English (written and spoken). The RTG's working language is English.
- independent, self-reliant, and committed mode
Employment is conducive to scientific qualification.

We offer

- salary according to Remuneration level 13 TV-L
- fixed-term (5 years) (§ 2 (1) sentence 2 of the WissZeitVG; in accordance with the provisions of the WissZeitVG and the Agreement on Satisfactory Conditions of Employment, the length of contract may differ in individual cases)
- fulltime
- internal and external training opportunities
- variety of health, consulting and prevention services
- reconcilability of family and work
- flexible working hours
- possibility of a job ticket for public transport (regional transport association), good transport connection
- collegial working environment
- open and pleasant working atmosphere
- exciting, varied tasks
- modern work environment with digital processes
- various offers (canteen, cafeteria, restaurants, Uni-Shop, ATM, etc.)

Preferred experience and skills

- research experiences pertinent for the RTG research programme
- topically or methodologically pertinent preliminary work with regard to the RTG research programme and highly visible publications

Application Procedure

We are looking forward to receiving your application. Required document in English: letter of motivation with regard to the RTG research programme. To apply, please preferably use our online form via the application button below.

Application deadline: 28.12.2023

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At Bielefeld University on request positions can be carried out with reduced working hours as long as this does not conflict with official needs.