

Founded in 1607, the 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 01.09.2022 in part-time (65%) as a

Research Associate (m/f/d) in a Project on Images of Migration and Human Rights

The **two positions** are part of the externally funded project “Dehumanizing, Victimizing, or Universalizing? How Images of Migration Interact with Human Rights Discourse.” They will be filled on a fixed-term basis in accordance with § 2 WissZeitVG and § 72 HessHG with the opportunity for an academic qualification at the Chair of Prof. Dr. Greta Olson, Department of English. The salary is in accordance with the collective labour agreement of the State of Hesse (E 13 TV-H).

As long as the maximum permissible duration of a fixed-term contract is not exceeded, you will be employed for a period of 4 years.

The project is part of the DFG funded research group “Human Rights Discourse in Migration Societies (MeDiMi)” (FOR 5321). The subject of the interdisciplinary research project is the scope, forms, and consequences of the increase of human rights discourse in migration societies (“human rights-ization”). The legal, social, and cultural analyses provided by the ten subprojects form the empirical basis for a theory of discourse practices in migration societies that will contribute to a new understanding of the role of human rights. The subprojects are located at the University of Giessen and Marburg as well as at three other institutions.

PhD1

Your tasks

- Completing a PhD with a focus on comparative case studies of images of migration (visual, text-based, viral)
- Writing an academic monograph on an aspect of the project
- Further independent research and participation in academic conferences
- Participation in the planning and implementation of project workshops and lectures with other MeDiMi researchers
- Case studies and typology of images of migration (visual, text-based, viral)

The provision of academic services (including the processing of a research project financed by third-party funds on a temporary basis) also serves the purpose of academic qualification.

Your qualifications

- An excellent university degree (MA or equivalent) in American Studies/Anglophone or English Studies, Linguistics, Cultural Studies, Literary Studies, or Media Studies
- Excellent knowledge of English and German as demonstrated by your MA thesis
- Experience in interdisciplinary research and ability to work in a team (desired)
- Experience in literary/cultural studies case study analysis, preferably transmedial (desired)
- Experience working in critical cultural/media/discourse studies
- Independent workstyle, quick comprehension skills
- Previous knowledge of discourse-analytical and narratological concepts and tools and reception theory (desired)
- Knowledge of dominant migration discourses in the U.S. and Germany (desired)

- Knowledge of Law/Human Rights, Migration, Narratology, Affect Theory (desired)

PhD2

Your tasks

- Completing an academic qualification focusing on affective responses to images of migration in social media and attitudes about migration and human rights
- Writing an academic monograph on an aspect of the project
- Opportunity for further independent research and participation in academic conferences
- Participation in the planning and implementation of project workshops and lectures with other MeDiMi researchers
- Development and maintenance of a website and social media presence for the project

The provision of academic services (including the processing of a research project financed by third-party funds on a temporary basis) also serves the purpose of academic qualification.

Your qualifications

- Excellent university degree (MA or equivalent) in American Studies/English or Anglophone Studies, Linguistics, Cultural Studies, Literary Studies, or Media Studies
- Facility with social media and analysis
- Excellent English and German skills as demonstrated by your final thesis
- Experience in interdisciplinary research and ability to work in a team (desired)
- Independent work style, quick comprehension skills
- Previous knowledge of discourse-analytical and narratological concepts and tools and reception theory (desired)
- Knowledge of dominant migration discourses in the U.S. and Germany (desired)
- Knowledge of Law/Human Rights, Migration, Narratology, Affect Theory (desired)

Our offer to you

- Varied work with flexible working hours
- Free use of local 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
- Good compatibility of family and career (certificate "audit familiengerechte hochschule")

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Laura Borchert by e-mail (laura.borchert@anglistik.uni-giessen.de).

JLU aims to employ more women in academic research. We therefore particularly encourage women 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 **July 15th, 2022**, indicating reference number 379/05. We look forward to receiving your application.