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Job advertisement

The DFG-funded Emmy Noether Research Group “Accumulation of Personal Wealth in Couples: Individual Resources and Gender Inequalities in Intimate Relationships” (led by Dr. Philipp Lersch) is inviting applications for

3 research assistantships

(doctoral fellows, 65% TVL E-13)

The research group pursues innovative research on the emergence and determinants of personal wealth inequalities within heterosexual couples in a cross-national comparative perspective. We work at the intersection of social stratification research and family sociology. We conduct theoretically founded quantitative research combining large-scale longitudinal data and newly collected experimental data. Specifically, the successful candidates will carry out research in one of the following subprojects of the research group:

- a) Trajectories of personal wealth accumulation and wealth inequalities in couples over time
- b) Consequences of a lifetime of wealth accumulation: Determinants of personal wealth at retirement
- c) Attitudes towards personal wealth in intimate relationships

The research group is embedded in the Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology (ISS), which was founded in 1919 as the first of its kind in Germany. Today it is internationally recognized for its strong tradition in empirical social research.

We offer three positions as doctoral research assistants for three years beginning on 1 April 2017. The positions may be renewed for two more years contingent on a successful scientific output. The salary is set in accordance with the German public sector scale TV-L (E 13, 65%). We also offer a vibrant research environment, a fully-equipped office and opportunity to present research in (at least) one national and one international conference per year. Additional funding is available to attend workshops, summer schools, and for a research visit at an international partner institution in

Australia, the United Kingdom or United States. The successful candidates will also become members of the next cohort of the Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Sciences (CGS). Thereby the candidate will have access to CGS workshops and courses.

We seek motivated candidates who intend to collaborate in our research and pursue an innovative PhD in the area of the research group. The successful candidates should be committed to conceptualization, realization and publication of scientific analyses in international peer reviewed journals, and to their presentation at national and international conferences. Applicants should have a keen interest in the research agenda of the group, enjoy teamwork but should also be able to work independently, and develop an own research agenda within their subprojects. They should hold, or anticipate receiving very soon (as shown in supporting documents), an excellent master's degree, diploma or equivalent in sociology, demography, economics, or a closely related field. Experience with longitudinal analysis of large-scale surveys for subprojects a) and b) and experience with factorial survey experiments for subproject c) are a strong advantage. Candidates should be proficient in using Stata and/or R. Fluency in scientific English is a requirement. German language proficiency is not required.

The University of Cologne is committed to diversity, equal opportunities and compatibility of family and career. International candidates are welcome. We explicitly encourage minorities to apply.

For further questions, please contact Dr. Philipp Lersch (p.m.lersch@uni-koeln.de).

Applications should include a short cover letter indicating for which subproject the candidate applies, a detailed CV (no picture), copies of academic degrees (translated to German or English if these documents have been issued in another language) and a one-page research exposé for the subproject candidates are interested in. The deadline for applications is **1 November 2016**. Please submit your complete application materials electronically (one PDF file) to:

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