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At the **School of Humanities and Social Sciences** the **Centre for Integration Studies (ZfI)**, a position as

Research Associate / Postdoc

(subject to personal qualification employees are remunerated according to salary group E 13 TV-L)

is available at the **earliest possible date** for a period of 24 months. The period of employment is governed by the Fixed Term Research Contracts Act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz - WissZeitVG). Balancing family and career is an important issue. The post is generally suitable for candidates seeking part-time employment. Please indicate your request in your application.

"Disruption and disruptiveness" mark an approach to the broad topic of "social change" that accentuates the fragility of social orders, infrastructures and systems and makes the dynamics and effects of abrupt or accelerated, in any case unpredictable phenomena of change the object of study. Disruptions can only be determined in relation to the assumed normal course of events, which they disturb or interrupt and force to be re-evaluated. From this perspective, migration phenomena and processes can be examined relationally for their specific frictions and disruptive qualities. Depending on the observer's point of view, migration triggers disruptive experiences or it has a stabilizing effect in reaction to previous disruptive experiences (e.g. war, climate change). Migration accelerates cultural change and alters legal, political and social orders, forcing their reassessment. Especially the nation state's fundamental principles of order are challenged by migration. Law and politics deal with the disruptiveness of social reality through normative procedures and are supposed to enable stability in change. In the present, there are numerous lines of tension, all of them pointing to disparate legal (e.g. constitutional and international law) and political (municipal, national, regional and global) frameworks: The distinction between civil and human rights, the "expulsion" of migrants to refugee camps on the one hand, and integration policy measures for their inclusion on the other hand, the relative dependence of transnational mobility rights on citizenship and passport and the burning of the latter by migrants, or the often contradictory migration policy concepts of "arrival cities", European nation states and the EU in a multi-ethnic system, are only a few facets of a tense complex subject area that the position holder will explore and specify.

Tasks: The early-career researcher is expected to prepare an application for an independent, third-party funded research project as part of the research network "Disruption and Disruptivity" and submit it to renowned funding bodies (preferably DFG, EU, BMBF) within the funding period. The acquisition of funding from highly competitive programs for an independent research project is intended to strengthen the personal responsibility of highly qualified postdoctoral researchers.

Requirements: Outstanding university degree and doctorate or proof of the successful submission of the dissertation and the expected completion date of the doctoral procedure in a social science or humanities subject, with a relevant emphasis in migration law and/or politics as defined in the announcement. In the context of the establishment of the university-wide research network "Disruption and Disruptivity" the Centre of Integration Studies (ZfI) is looking for an outstanding early-career researcher (postdoc) and expert in migration research. The position enables early-career researchers at an advanced scientific level to develop their own research profile at the intersection of migration and disruption studies and thus to strengthen the potential area of Societal Change within the excellence strategy of TU Dresden. Cooperation with the Center for International Studies (ZIS) and existing collaborative research structures such as the Mercator Forum for Migration and Democracy (MIDEM) or the CRC 1285 as part of the university-wide research on disruptivity is expressly welcome.

Application: The selection procedure is based on both the outstanding academic quality and originality of the research project and the qualification of the applicant at an international level. The evaluation of the applications will focus on the candidates and their research projects. The candidate's qualifications with regard to their demonstrated ability to implement the project in the context of the respective career level as well as their academic potential will be a decisive selection criterion. The research project is expected to have excellent academic quality and originality at an international level. The research project must be in line with the academic environment of the emerging field "Migration – Disruption" and with the candidate's planned career path.

Next to the usual application documents (cover letter, curriculum vitae, certificates) please provide a description of your planned research project (max. ten pages). This should emphasize the relation to the subject area, include a time and work plan and your publication list. In addition, the description should illustrate which funding format is intended for the project and why this particular funding line is being considered. The curriculum vitae should include any circumstances that may have adversely affected the candidate's academic work (e.g. childcare, care of a relative, a long, serious illness, or disability).

Applications from women are particularly welcome. The same applies to people with disabilities.

Please submit your detailed application by **February 16, 2021** (stamped arrival date of the university central mail service applies) to: **TU Dresden, Bereich Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften, Zentrum für Integrationsstudien, z. Hdn. Frau Dr. Karoline Oehme-Jüngling, Helmholtzstr. 10, 01069 Dresden** or via the TU Dresden SecureMail Portal <https://securemail.tu-dresden.de> as a PDF file to karoline.oehme-juengling@tu-dresden.de.

Please submit copies only, as your application will not be returned to you. Expenses incurred in attending interviews cannot be reimbursed.

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