

# Stellenausschreibung

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FRIEDRICH-SCHILLER-  
UNIVERSITÄT  
JENA

Friedrich Schiller University Jena is a university with a rich tradition and a strong research profile in the heart of Germany. As a university comprising of all major faculties, it offers a wide range of subjects. Its research is focused on the areas Light - Life - Liberty. It is closely networked with non-university research institutions, research-based companies and renowned cultural institutions. With around 18,000 students and more than 8,600 employees, the university plays a major role in shaping Jena's character as a cosmopolitan and future-oriented city.

Starting 1 April 2022, the Chair of International Relations of the Institute for Political Science seeks to fill the position of a

## Research Associate, including a PhD project on Cooperation and Conflict of Patrons and Clients in Secessionist Conflicts

in part-time (65% / 26 hrs. per week), TVL E 13 Group 2, lasting until 30 September 2025.

The Chair's research focuses on peace and conflict studies and international organizations. A special focus is on the theory and empirics of secession processes worldwide. Through your PhD you will contribute significantly to the sub-project "Cooperation and Conflict of Patrons and Clients in Secession Conflicts" of the Competence Network "Cooperation and Conflict in Eastern Europe (Konkoop). Your project is intended to provide a theoretical as well as an empirical contribution to the scholarship on the relations between external state or non-state patrons and secessionist groups in a comparative, worldwide perspective.

The position is embedded in the competence network Konkoop, which is financed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. Partners are, in addition to the Friedrich Schiller University Jena, the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) in Regensburg, the Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography (IfL) in Leipzig, the Leibniz Center for Contemporary History (ZZF) in Potsdam and the University for Sustainable Development (HNEE) in Eberswalde. The overall project is coordinated by the Center for East European and International Studies (ZOIS) in Berlin.

The multi-local and interdisciplinary competence network focuses on the dynamics of conflict and cooperation in Eastern Europe (also including Southeastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia). The data collected is fed into a multi-method data laboratory and visualized for different user groups in a laboratory for multi-perspective peace and conflict cartography.

### Your tasks:

- Preparing a dissertation in Political Science
- Participating in the team of the Chair of International Relations at FSU Jena
- Participating in the work of KonKoop, its events and publications, esp. collaboration in the multi-local junior research group of the network
- Organizing an international workshop on your topic and publishing an edited volume thereafter.

### Your profile:

- A Master in International Relations / Political Science or another neighboring subject of relevance for the topic (e.g. peace and conflict studies) with very good results
- Good expertise in the methods of social sciences
- Very good knowledge of English, at least basic knowledge of German, if possible some Russian
- Prior knowledge in conflict research advisable



- Openness to interdisciplinary cooperation, capacity to work in teams, reliability.

**Our offer:**

- A 42-months position for a PhD, including three research trips
- Supervision by a professor with extensive experience and a large network on the topic
- Interdisciplinary research in a joint project of leading German research institutes
- The chance to network internationally by participating in international conferences and organizing an own workshop on your project
- Support by the Graduate Academy of FSU Jena for PhDs and Postdocs
- A family-friendly working environment with multiple opportunities for families, such as the University's Family Office (JUniFamilie) and flexible childcare (JUniKinder)

**Necessary application documents:**

- Cover letter (max. 2 pages)
- Curriculum vitae (tabular), if applicable with list of publications and presentations
- Copies of your certificates, diplomas, and other
- First ideas on your PhD project „Cooperation and conflict of patrons and clients in secessionist conflicts“ (working title, max. 2 pages)
- Summary of your Master's thesis (max. 1 page)

Candidates with severe disabilities will be given preferential consideration in case of equal qualification and suitability.

Are you eager to work for us? Then submit your application, preferably by e-mail (one PDF file) and stating the registration number 004/2022, by **31 January 2022** to:

**Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena  
Lehrstuhl für Internationale Beziehungen  
Institut für Politikwissenschaft  
Carl-Zeiß-Straße 3  
07743 Jena**

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Please submit your documents as copies only, as they will be properly destroyed after the application process is complete.

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