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As a University of Excellence, Universität Hamburg is one of the strongest research universities in Germany. As a flagship university in the greater Hamburg region, it nurtures innovative, cooperative contacts to partners within and outside academia. It also provides and promotes sustainable education, knowledge, and knowledge exchange locally, nationally, and internationally.

The Faculty of Humanities, Department of History invites applications for three

RESEARCH ASSOCIATES FOR THE PROJECT “TAMING THE EUROPEAN LEVIATHAN: THE LEGACY OF POST-WAR MEDICINE AND THE COMMON GOOD, 1945-1990”

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The positions in accordance with Section 28 subsection 3 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG) commence on 01.04.2021.

These are fixed-term contracts in accordance with Section 2 of the academic fixed-term labor contract act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG). The term is fixed for a period of 5 years. The positions call for 19.5 hours per week.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Duties include academic services in the project named above. Research associates may also pursue independent research and further academic qualifications.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

What is Europe? The status of the European Leviathan is in doubt today as never before. Whether in the form of authoritarian governments or populist agitation, there is intense contention over what the role, size, and scope of the state in the 21st century should be. What can a historical account tell us about the European Leviathan then and now? What holds our European community together?

Amid this uncertainty our project calls attention to a common concern for the health of the individual and the wellbeing of the social body. We argue that post-war European history on each side of the so-called Iron Curtain is characterized by a preoccupation with health as the common good. Taking medicine as an analytical lens offers a common reference point through which a shared and integrated history of Europe can be developed beyond the usual clichés and dichotomies of the period. That is the unusual but promising argument that underlies our project.

Our project is distinguished by its multidisciplinary approach: Neither economics nor politics nor ideology nor everyday life, but an integration of these perspectives makes it possible to pursue the development of the common good both, in state socialism and in the capitalist state. To do this, we conduct a multi-layered investigation of medicine, which came to represent a significant—if not the decisive—institutional, conceptual and legitimating framework for all efforts towards the common good. Rather than merely studying postwar Europe's two halves separately we aim to understand Europe as one.

SPECIFIC DUTIES:

The Research Associates will be an integral part of the Project Team and be involved in all aspects of ongoing collaborative research, dissemination and impact activities. This will include the development and organization of research publications, workshops, public outreach, and online-engagement events.

The post holders will need to work closely with the Project Team, and collaborate with the partner organizations in Berlin, Sofia and Budapest. The ability to work collaboratively in a team is an important aspect of the posts.

While working across different research strands, Research Associates will eventually focus on one or two of the four work packages listed below, depending on their expertise and research interests:

WP1: Embodying the European Leviathan: The Body

WP2: Sustaining the Leviathan: Reproduction

WP3: Managing the European Leviathan: Risk

WP4: Imagining the European Leviathan: Utopia

Post holders will also be responsible for assisting with the development of aspects of research management in order to ensure the success of the project.

REQUIREMENTS:

A university degree in a relevant field and publication track record.

The Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg promotes equal opportunity. As women are currently underrepresented in this job category at Universität Hamburg according to the evaluation conducted under the Hamburg act on gender equality (Hamburgisches Gleichstellungsgesetz, HambGleiG), we encourage women to apply for this position. Equally qualified and suitable female applicants will receive preference.

Qualified disabled candidates or applicants with equivalent status receive preference in the application process.

For further information, and informal inquiries, please contact Professor Ulf Schmidt (ulf.schmidt@uni-hamburg.de) or consult our website at <https://www.geschichte.uni-hamburg.de/arbeitsbereiche/deutsche-geschichte/personen/schmidt-team.html>

Interviews for shortlisted candidates will take place online in the week between 15 – 19 February 2021.

Applications should include a cover letter, a tabular curriculum vitae, and copies of degree certificate(s). Please send applications by **12 February 2021** to: Dr James Farley, james.farley@uni-hamburg.de.

Please do not submit original documents as we are **not** able to return them. Any documents submitted will be destroyed after the application process has concluded.