

The **School of Social Sciences at the Goethe University Frankfurt** invites applications for two positions of a

**research fellow (m/f/d)**  
**at either post-doctoral (E13 TV-G-U, 100%) or pre-doctoral level (E13 TV-G-U, 65%)**  
**within the ERC-funded research project POLAR**

Both positions offer fixed-term contracts in association with the research project „Polarization and its discontents: does rising economic inequality undermine the foundations of liberal societies? (POLAR)“, which is funded by an ERC Advanced Grant to Professor Markus Gangl. Postdoc scholars may obtain a full-time research contract (pay scale E13 TV-G-U, 100%), pre-doc researchers will be given a part-time contract (pay scale E13 TV-G-U, 65%). The salary level is commensurate with job characteristics and based on the pay scales defined by the collective agreement applicable to Goethe University (TV-G-U).

Both positions qualify for coverage in the social security system and all other fringe benefits that are associated with a public sector employee contract at Goethe University. Both positions are available from **July 1, 2022** until the end of project funding by March 31, 2025. If preferred, a later starting date of employment is negotiable.

**Required Qualifications:** Candidates are required to have an excellent academic background (MA or PhD degree) in quantitative sociology or closely related fields. Applicants are expected to demonstrate dedicated research interests and expertise in the study of rising inequality and its consequences, and in the use of advanced techniques of statistical data analysis for longitudinal, multilevel and cross-nationally comparative survey data. The project group is particularly interested in applicants capable of filling one position in the area of political sociology and social cohesion (position 1) and one position to focus on intergenerational social mobility (position 2). The successful candidates are expected to become active members in Professor Gangl's research group, to conduct POLAR research and associated publication projects together with Prof. Gangl and other members of the project team, and to pursue her/his own professional development in these roles. When applying for a postdoc position, prior exposure to international research environments and relevant publications in peer-reviewed journals will be considered an advantage.

Please submit your **electronic application** (including your full contact details, a cover letter, a description of your research expertise and interests, and your current academic curriculum vitae) in a single pdf file to the Dean of the School of Social Sciences at [dekanat.fb03-bewerbungen@soz.uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:dekanat.fb03-bewerbungen@soz.uni-frankfurt.de) by **May 27, 2022**. Please be sure to mention our **reference number 10/2022** in your application. Further information on the advertised position may be obtained by contacting Professor Markus Gangl ([mgangl@soz.uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:mgangl@soz.uni-frankfurt.de)) directly. Please be aware that existing regulations do not permit the university to reimburse applicants for travel or other expenses incurred during the hiring process.