

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

**postdoc researcher (m/f/x, full-time, pay scale E13 TV-G-U)  
with expertise in the study of inequality and social cohesion**

within the ERC-funded research project „Polarization and its discontents: does rising economic inequality undermine the foundations of liberal societies? (POLAR)” led by Professor Markus Gangl. The position is available from **October 1, 2023** to the end of the project’s funding period by September 30, 2025. The starting date of employment is negotiable.

**Required Qualifications:** Candidates are required to hold a PhD degree in sociology or a closely related field, and to bring a strong background in quantitative social science to the project. Applicants are expected to be proficient users of advanced techniques of statistical data analysis for longitudinal, multilevel and cross-nationally comparative survey data, to bring demonstrable expertise in the sociological study of social cohesion, and to develop dedicated research interests in the study of rising inequality and its consequences; a more detailed description of the project itself is available at <https://polar-project.org>. The successful candidate is expected to become an active member in Professor Gangl’s research group, to conduct POLAR research and any 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. Prior exposure to international research environments and relevant publications in peer-reviewed journals will be considered an advantage.

**The position offers** the successful candidate the opportunity to develop her/his academic profile within a collaborative and internationally oriented research environment and to shape the research agenda of the POLAR project through her/his own contributions. Goethe University is one of Germany’s largest universities and offers its researchers public sector employee contracts under its own collective agreement that qualify for full coverage in the social security system and further fringe benefits like free public transport in the state of Hesse.

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 incl. copies of degree certificates) in a **single pdf file** addressed to the Dean of the School of Social Sciences to [dekanat.fb03-bewerbungen@soz.uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:dekanat.fb03-bewerbungen@soz.uni-frankfurt.de) by **September 1, 2023**. Please be sure to mention our **reference number 13/2023** 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.

Goethe University is committed to a policy of providing equal employment opportunities for men and women, and therefore particularly wishes to encourage women to apply for the offered position. Applicants with severe disabilities will be prioritized in case of equal aptitude and ability.