



Job vacancy

Postdoctoral Research Associate - Interdisciplinary Centre for Baltic Sea Region Research (IFZO) 25/E18

University of Greifswald, 12 December 2025 | deadline: 05 January 2026

At the University of Greifswald's **Interdisciplinary Centre for Baltic Sea Region Research (IFZO)**, there is a job vacancy **expected to be available from 1 March 2026**, limited to a period of **one year**, for a full-time

Postdoctoral Research Associate.

Payment will be made according to pay group 13 *TV-L Wissenschaft*. The post is also suitable for part-time employment.

Alternatively, on request from the candidate, the position can be split into a **part-time (50%) position for a period of two years**.

The IFZO at the University of Greifswald is an interdisciplinary research centre with strong international ties that investigates the dynamics of the Baltic Sea region and addresses current challenges faced by society.

The position on offer belongs to the EU third-party funded project MAGnituDe: Migration, Affective Geopolitics and European Democracy in Times of Military Conflicts. As a postdoc researcher at the University of Greifswald, your primary responsibility will be to conduct project-specific research in contexts related to Germany and additionally, you will be expected to contribute methodologically and theoretically to the overall project. MAGnituDe explores the consequences of mass migration caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine on European democracy. MAGnituDe utilises the feminist concept of affective geopolitics to analyse how geopolitical narratives and perceptions shape everyday human encounters through which social, political, and cultural identities are constructed and contested. The project explores human encounters on 3 levels: 1) migrant-state, 2) migrant-migrant and 3) migrant-host societies.

Job description:

- Qualitative analysis of political and media discourses, popular culture and cultural artefacts
- Coordination of tasks with project partners, internal communication, exchange of research data between the work packages and reporting
- Coordination of and contribution to a special edition
- Dissemination and publication of project results

Job requirements:

- PhD degree (doctorate) in political science or related disciplines, for example sociology or cultural studies
- Documented experience of media analyses related to politics of memory and political speeches
- Skills in qualitative methods of the social sciences

- Excellent English (C1) and German (C1) language skills

Further requirements which may have an impact on the decision-making process:

- Knowledge of political and media landscapes in one or more countries of the Baltic Sea region (Finland, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden)
- Competencies in memory and migration studies

The position is open to all persons, irrespective of gender. Severely disabled applicants with the same qualifications will be considered with preference.

In accordance with § 68(3) PersVG M-V, the Staff Council will only be involved in staff matters of the academic or artistic staff on request.

Unfortunately, the application costs (e.g. travel expenses for interviews) will not be reimbursed by the state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

Please note that by submitting your application, you provide your consent pursuant to data protection law for our processing of your application data. Further information about the legal bases and the use of your data can be found [here](#).

For further information, please contact Dr. Alexander Drost-Wollbrecht, IFZO (+49 3834 420 3341, alexander.drost@uni-greifswald.de).

Please submit the following documents:

- Curriculum vitae
- Proof of professional qualifications (copies of master's and PhD degree certificates or similar)
- Contacts of two referees who are willing to provide a recommendation
- Doctoral thesis
- Up to 3 recent academic publications or other relevant documents that enable the assessment of the candidate's suitability for the position

Applications must be sent with reference to the job advertisement number **25/E18** by **5 January 2026** via email (one PDF file) to:

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