

External Job Announcement Reg.-Nr. 3-10009/24-D

At the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Faculty of Theology, Center for Empowerment Studies CES (Christian Empowerment in Secularity), Research Group KÖW (Church and Congregational Theory – Ecumenism and Knowledge Transfer in a Worldwide Lutheran Context), is looking for candidates to fill the following position, starting at the earliest opportunity:

Academic employee – doctoral or postdoctoral researcher (f-m-d)

The position will be part-time (50%) and for the duration of three years.

Remuneration is paid up to pay group 13 TV-L, depending on the assignment of duties and fulfilment of personal requirements.

Tasks:

- Your own research project: Conception and realisation of your own research project in the field of ecclesiology and congregational studies from an international and ecumenical perspective. An academic qualification (doctorate) is possible. The research project should preferably be conducted with qualitative empirical methods and can, for example, relate to one of the following topics:
 - Intercultural church congregations in Germany: Challenges and success factors
 - Practices of discrimination and how they are dealt with in church and congregations
 - Practices and effects of knowledge transfer between academic theology and church practice
- Conceptual work on basic and applied questions of church and congregational theory in an international and ecumenical perspective
- Research and knowledge transfer between academic work and church practice (through oral presentations and written contributions; contributions to i.e. training courses, impulse days, monitoring of church development processes)
- Participation in joint tasks of the research centre, e.g. the preparation and implementation of conferences
- Participation in research colloquia and other forms of academic exchange

Requirements:

- A university degree in theology or a social science discipline with a grade of at least 'good' (church examination, state examination, Master's degree or comparable qualification)
- Very good skills in academic work, that can be shown by the quality of the final thesis, existing publications or the outline of a research project
- Very good knowledge in at least one of the following areas:
 - Church and congregational theories and/or church and congregational development
 - Qualitative/reconstructive empirical research in social science or religious research
 - Interculturality, migration, diversity, post-colonialism
- Very good communication skills for knowledge transfer and interdisciplinary exchange in German and/or English; if English is your preferred language, at least some German language skills and the willingness to further learn German are required
- Curiosity and ability to work in a team



Applications from persons with severe disabilities will be given preferential treatment if they are equally suitable and qualified. Women are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants with a degree that was not obtained at a German university must submit a Statement of Comparability for Foreign Higher Education Qualifications from the Central Office for Foreign Education (<https://www.kmk.org/zab/central-office-for-foreign-education.html>) as proof of equivalence.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Hanna Kauhaus, e-mail: hanna.kauhaus@theologie.uni-halle.de.

Please send your application, quoting the Reg.-No. 3-10009/24-D with motivation letter, curriculum vitae, a brief outline of a research project you would like to do (1-2 pages), and university degree certificates and other relevant documents, in German or English by 3 November 2024 to Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Theologische Fakultät, 06099 Halle, Annegret Jummrich, ces@theologie.uni-halle.de – summarised in a single PDF file no larger than 5 MB.

The call is made under reserve of potential budgetary restrictions.

Application costs will not be reimbursed by Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg. Electronic application is encouraged.