### Leibniz Universität Hannover

The Leibniz Center for Science and Society invites applications for the following two positions:

University Professorship (Salary Scale W3 NBesO)

### in Science and Society

and

## University Professorship (Salary Scale W3 NBesO) in Methodology of Higher Education Research and Science Studies

both starting at the next possible date.

Leibniz Universität Hannover has recently established the interdisciplinary Leibniz Center for Science and Society. The aim of the research center is to create a key site for the generally weakly institutionalized Higher Education Research and Science Studies. Hence, the research center is closely cooperating with the German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies (DZHW) in Hannover. The Leibniz Center for Science and Society represents the following disciplines: Sociology, Political Science, Philosophy, Economics, and Law. The Leibniz Center analyzes the interactions between science and society in an interdisciplinary perspective and based in/on fundamental scientific research. The Graduate School 'Science and Society' is part of the Leibniz Center (www.lcss.uni-hannover.de).

The professorship of Science and Society places an emphasis on the fundamental analysis and scientific research of the interactions between science and society. Therefore, the successful candidate is expected to integrate the diverse perspectives of Science Studies and Higher Education Research theoretically and analytically. It is among the objectives of the professorship to further advance the heuristic concept of the research center which rests on four pillars: epistemology, legitimation and normativity, functional differentiation, and social differentiation. In academic teaching the person appointed shall represent Higher Education Research and Science Studies in its full breadth.

The professorship of Methodology of Higher Education Research and Science Studies shall be focusing on conceptual methodological research questions in science and higher education and offer academic teaching in this field. Its primary objective is to make the enormous transformative processes undergone by science and higher education during the past decades and still in the present, tangible for the social sciences so that the wider societal context and its dynamics can be represented. Accordingly, emphasis in research will be on furthering the development of analytical categories and tools of Higher Education Research and Science Studies and to contribute original new ones.

The successful applicant should be interested in qualitative as well as in quantitative methods.

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The persons to be appointed are experienced in academic teaching, supervision of doctoral candidates, and in acquiring external funding and hold the necessary management skills for the development of new research structures. They are supposed to carry out innovative, interdisciplinary research projects with the disciplines represented at the Leibniz Center. Moreover, they are expected to contribute substantially to the establishment and development of an interdisciplinary research priority "Wissenschaftsreflexion" across traditional subject and faculty boundaries. The research center is seeking internationally renowned researchers from the above-mentioned academic disciplines and related fields.

Conditions of appointment are in accordance with § 25, Niedersachsen Higher Education Act (NHG).

Part-time employment can be arranged on request.

As an equal opportunities employer, Leibniz Universität Hannover has set itself the strategic aim of significantly increasing the proportion of women. Female scientists are therefore particularly encouraged to apply. Applications from abroad are especially welcome. Equally qualified candidates with disabilities will be given preference.

In its mission statement, Leibniz Universität Hannover attaches great importance to the international orientation of teaching and research. At the same time, it places major value on the intensive guidance and support of its students and on the university's close ties to the region and to Niedersachsen. Its professors are thus expected to take up residence in the Region of Hannover.

Successful candidates who have reached the age of fifty by the time of appointment and who do not already have civil servant status will be given an employment contract.

Further information is available from the Head of the Search Committee Prof. Dr. Eva Barlösius (phone: 0049 (0) 511/762-5432, e.barloesius@ish.uni-hannover.de).

Please submit your full application, either electronically (<u>dekanat@phil.uni-hannover.de</u>) or in a paper version, by November, 3rd 2016 to **Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover** Dekan der Philosophischen Fakultät Schloßwender Str. 1 30159 Hannover http://www.uni-hannover.de/jobs