

The University of Bremen the Collaborative Research Centre 1342 "Global Dynamics of Social Policy" invites applications -under the condition of job release- for the following academic position

**Doctoral Researcher (f/m/d)**

**Salary Scale TV-L 13, part-time 65%, start date: as soon as possible.**

**Reference number: A14/22**

The position offers temporary employment until until December 31, 2025. It is part of the Collaborative Research Centre (CRC) "Global Dynamics of Social Policy" (Globale Entwicklungsdynamiken von Sozialpolitik) funded by the German Research Foundation and will be located within the project **B04: Causes of Inclusion and Exclusion. The Welfare Rights of Immigrants in Global Comparison** headed by Dr. Friederike Römer.

**Job description**

The Collaborative Research Centre 1342 (CRC 1342) "Global Dynamics of Social Policy", funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) since January 2018, examines public social policy in a global and historical perspective. In the second phase of the CRC (January 2022 - December 2025), research will focus on how social policy programs have evolved in terms of coverage and generosity after their adoption. The CRC is divided into two project areas: Project Area A consists of six projects that examine the coverage and generosity of eight social policy areas across the globe. The eight projects of project area B examine dynamics related to coverage and benefit generosity in selected countries and regions from all continents. In an information infrastructure project, the Global Welfare State Information System (WeSIS) will be developed further.

Project B04 investigates the in- an exclusion of immigrants in national welfare states. We focus on the role parties and civil society actors play in the expansion and retrenchment of these rights across a wide number of countries in Europe, Latin America, North America, Oceania and Southeast Asia. The project uses a mixed method design. We expand and continue an original data set that for the first time allows to quantitatively assess the welfare rights of immigrants for 39 countries and nearly four decades. On the basis of this dataset we conduct statistical analyses to uncover the importance of different types of political actors and institutions in explaining differences in immigrant welfare rights between countries and over time. In case studies of the UK, Switzerland, Malaysia and Thai-land we then further investigate in greater detail the underlying mechanism. We conduct qualitative interviews with relevant actors, but also employ new data driven methods such as web scraping and natural language processing to analyze a wide array of data from sources such as parliamentary debates, news-papers, and social media. We are a team of young researchers looking for a highly motivated PhD researcher to join us. We offer a friendly work environment and a close supervision tailored to the needs of the candidate. In the project, the prospective candidate will work in a field that is growing in relevance globally, will apply state-of-the-art research methods and benefit from an international research environment.

## Responsibilities

The prospective candidate would ideally focus on working mainly on either the quantitative OR qualitative part of the project but be willing to also engage with and contribute to all other parts of the project. The main tasks include:

- Data collection with a standardized online questionnaire
- Communicating with and maintaining our network of country experts
- Qualitative case studies (UK and Switzerland or Malaysia and Thailand) OR Statistical analysis on immigrant welfare rights
- Organizing two workshops

## Requirements

- M.A. Degree or equivalent in one of the social sciences or related fields
- Interest in migration and migrants' rights
- Knowledge of quantitative AND/OR qualitative methods
- Knowledge of Southeast Asia would be an asset
- Expertise in STATA or R would be an asset
- Willingness to travel
- Excellent knowledge of English
- Knowledge of at least one of the following languages is an asset: Thai, Bahasa Malaysia, German, Spanish, French

## General hints

The University of Bremen has received a number of awards for its diversity policies and offers a family-friendly working environment as well as an international atmosphere.

The University is committed to a policy of providing equal employment opportunities for both men and women alike, and therefore strongly encourages women to apply for the positions offered. Applicants with disabilities will be considered preferentially in case of equal qualifications and aptitudes. The University of Bremen explicitly invites individuals with migration backgrounds to apply.

If you have any questions regarding the position, please contact [friederike.roemeruni-bremen.de](mailto:friederike.roemeruni-bremen.de)

Applications including a cover letter, CV, publication list (where applicable), copies of degree certificates, and a sample of academic writing (e.g. Master Thesis, published paper, or term paper) should be submitted by **March 1st, 2022** to

Universität Bremen  
CRC 1342 – Global Dynamics of Social Policy  
Friederike Römer  
Postfach 33 04 40  
28334 Bremen

or electronically (including up to two PDF files; reference number) by e-mail to: [jakob.henningeruni-bremen.de](mailto:jakob.henningeruni-bremen.de)

The costs of application and presentation cannot be reimbursed.