

Trier University conducts socially important research and teaching at the cutting edge: with a strong focus on digitalization, interdisciplinarity, and diversity. Our research focus is on people and their relationship to society, law, the economy, and the environment. With currently around 10,000 students and around 2,000 employees, Trier University is one of the largest employers in the European border region of Trier. Short distances on a green campus, a lively academic life and an open-minded working culture offer many opportunities for implementing groundbreaking research projects and up-to-date teaching. In the Faculty III – History, Art History, Politics, Classical and Provincial Roman Archaeology, Egyptology, Papyrology – at Trier University, the following position is to be filled by March 1, 2027 with civil servant status:

## W1 Junior Professorship in International History of Sustainability in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries with Tenure Track to W2 (LBesG) (m/w/d)

If the requirements for civil service status are not met, employment as a salaried employee may be possible. The position holder will represent the field specified in the dedication in research and teaching.

This junior professorship is aimed at scientists in the early stages of their careers who show exceptional potential for a further career in science.

The future holder of this position will represent the international history of sustainability in the 19th and 20th centuries. A qualified doctorate in the history of the 19th or 20th century is required, as well as a clearly recognizable second research focus in the other period. The incumbent will cover the international history of sustainability as well as other topics in the history of modernity, and will be distinguished by a particular commitment to teaching.

We are looking for a candidate who wishes to develop innovative perspectives on the international history of sustainability (understood, for example, in terms of one or more of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, explicitly not necessarily in the field of environmental history) in their research, although this research focus does not need to be fully developed at the time of application. The application documents should clearly demonstrate an understanding of the history of sustainability, the ability to connect to one or more research focuses in the field of history, and the ability to connect to at least one of the cross-cutting dimensions of the research profile of Trier University, as well as ideas for implementing a history of sustainability in teaching. Regarding the acquisition of third-party funding, thematic and conceptual objectives as well as initial practical experience are required.

During the first six years of the professorship, we expect: a) participation in existing and planned research networks in the field of history and Faculty III; b) the development of a second research focus, demonstrated by publications in national or international journals, and the submission of a second book manuscript or publications of comparable value; c) the establishment of collaborations on the topic of sustainability within the University of Trier; d) participation in all degree programs in which the subject of history is involved, as well as the development of ideas for anchoring the history of sustainability in

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teaching (in both German and English). The fulfillment of the above points will be the subject of interim and final evaluations.

The official duties are set out in § 48 HochSchG. The employment requirements are set out in § 54 HochSchG. The ability to offer courses in German is expected.

In accordance with Sections 54 and 55 of the Higher Education Act (HochSchG), junior professorships are generally filled for a period of six years. An evaluation of the level of performance in teaching, research, or art is carried out at the earliest after the third and at the latest before the end of the fourth year of employment. Following the period of the junior professorship, a permanent transfer to the above-mentioned professorship (salary grade W2 LBesG) is planned if the holder of the position has proven themselves in accordance with the relevant university regulations (evaluation procedure) and the general civil service and personal requirements are met. Reference is made to § 50 (5) sentence 6 HochSchG in this context.

The state of Rhineland-Palatinate and the University of Trier advocate a supervision concept that expects a high level of presence from teaching staff at the university location. Trier University is committed to increasing the number of female employees and strongly encourages women to apply. Severely disabled persons and persons treated as such under Section 2 (3) of SGB IX will be given preferential consideration if they are suitably qualified (please enclose proof).

Please do not submit application documents [1. CV 2. List of publications 3. List of courses taught and teaching profile, course evaluations 4. Description of research profile and planned research projects that clearly demonstrate an understanding of the international history of sustainability (no more than two pages) 5. copies of certificates and diplomas, and 6. a link to a permanent download of the dissertation and two other publications relevant to the position] in folders or envelopes, and do not submit any originals, as the documents will not be returned but will be destroyed in accordance with data protection regulations. For more information on the processing of your personal data, please refer to the data protection information for application procedures in accordance with Article 13 GDPR on our homepage.

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