

Trier University conducts socially relevant research and teaching at the cutting edge: with a strong focus on digitalization, interdisciplinarity and diversity. People and their relationship to society, law, the economy and the environment are at the center of this. With over 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 to make things happen.

The following position is to be filled in the Subject of Sociology/Anthropology in Faculty IV of Trier University as of October 1st, 2026, as a civil servant on a fixed term:

W1 junior professorship for Digital Media and Cultures with tenure track to W2 (LBesG) (m/f/d)

If the requirements for civil servant status are unmet, the position may be filled as a salaried employee. The post holder represents the field of research and teaching specified in the dedication.

This junior professorship is aimed at young researchers in an early career phase and with exceptional potential for a further career in science.

The junior professorship is to be filled by a research personality with a proven track record in the theoretically and empirically sound analysis of transformation processes at the interface of society, culture, and media. In research and teaching, the junior professorship focuses on the social construction of digital technologies (especially social media, generative AI and/or platforms) and their effects on social inequalities. In addition to digital media, which shape today's societies globally, digital everyday cultures and ways of life, contested opinion-forming processes in a world often diagnosed as post-factual and/or embedded socio-cultural influences of digitalization should be addressed. The post holder is expected to contribute to research and teaching in at least one of the following areas: New social inequalities, sustainability, diversity, or health in the context of a socio-analytical approach to global digital transformations. Research is desired, for example, on processes of opening and closing in the context of digital, socio-ecological or demographic transformation, virtuality and reality, migration processes, globalization and regionalization and/or bordering and boundary processes at various social levels. The candidate is expected to develop research collaborations in sociology/anthropology and the university and be actively involved in the master's degree program in Media and Cultural Sociology and the Bachelor's degree programs of the subject. The post holder is prepared to engage in interdisciplinary research and teaching cooperation. International activities and networks and initial experience in acquiring third-party funding are also desirable.

The official duties result from § 48 HochSchG. The recruitment requirements are set out in § 54 HochSchG. A successfully completed university degree, a qualified doctorate and pedagogical aptitude are required. The ability to teach courses in German is expected.

Applications are welcome via our application portal <https://jobs.uni-trier.de> in the form of a single pdf file by 05.06.2025.

Please address your application to:

Trier University
Dean of Faculty IV

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In accordance with Sections 54 and 55 HochSchG, junior professorships are generally filled for a period of six years. An evaluation with an orientating character on the level of performance in teaching and research or art takes place 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 of the above-mentioned professorship (grade W 2 LBesG) is planned if the post holder has proven him/herself in accordance with the relevant university regulations (evaluation procedure) and the general civil service and personal requirements have been met. In this context, reference is made to § 50 para. 5 sentence 6 HochSchG.

The state of Rhineland-Palatinate and Trier University advocate a supervision concept in which a high presence of teaching staff at the university location is expected. Trier University endeavors to increase the number of female employees and strongly encourages women to apply. Severely disabled persons and persons with equivalent status according to § 2 para. 3 SGB IX will be given preferential consideration if they are suitable (please enclose proof).

Please submit application documents (1. curriculum vitae, 2. list of publications, 3. list of courses and teaching profile, course evaluations if applicable, 4. presentation of research profile and planned research projects as well as 5. copies of certificates and diplomas) in a pdf document via our application portal on our homepage by 05.06.2025. 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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