

Trier University conducts socially relevant research and teaching at the cutting edge: with a strong focus on digitalisation, interdisciplinarity and diversity. People and their relationship to society, law, the economy, and the environment are at the centre 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 April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, as a civil servant for life:

## W 2-Professorship for Sociology of Sustainability and Qualitative Methods (LBesG) (m/f/d)

If the requirements for civil servant status are unmet, the position may be filled as a salaried employee. The position holder must represent the area specified in the dedication to research and teaching.

The professorship should be occupied by a research personality with an excellent track record in the theoretically and empirically sound analysis of transformation processes in the field of ecological sustainability. The professorship must promote research and teaching in the field of sustainability and enable cooperation in research and teaching in the field of sustainability in economics and geography. In teaching, the professorship represents the basics of qualitative social research methods, must be recognized in this area in research and teaching and establish links to sociological theories.

Proven research and teaching experience in at least one of the following areas is expected: New social inequalities, digitalization, diversity, or health in the context of global socio-ecological transformation. Research is desired, for example, on new forms of cooperation, negotiation and relationships between the state, civil society and business, alternative forms of economy and organization, sustainable forms of consumption, distribution and production, actors of transformation (entrepreneurship, social initiatives or movements), resilient forms of society or sustainable non-sustainability in areas such as agriculture, forestry and circular economy, the energy transition, or the education, housing and transport sectors.

We expect the establishment of research collaborations in the field of sociology/anthropology as well as active involvement in the master's program in Economic Sociology and the BA programs in the field. In addition, the integration with business studies and economics and the teacher training programs must be established or realigned through the activities of the professorship. It is therefore desirable to find an expert in the field who focuses on theoretically sound empirical analyses of inequalities in ecologically sustainable transformation processes, in particular on the relationships between politics, economics and society. International activities and networks as well as expertise in empirical research and initial experience in acquiring third-party funding are desirable.

The official duties result from § 48 HochSchG. The recruitment requirements are set out in § 49 HochSchG. A successfully completed university degree, a qualified doctorate, pedagogical aptitude, and additional academic achievements are required (cf. § 49 Para. 2 HochSchG). The ability to offer courses in German is

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expected. Reference is made to § 50 para 5 sentences 5 and 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 endeavours 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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