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2023-08-01



Application  
deadline:  
2023-04-16



Salary:  
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Duration:  
2026-07-31



Volume of  
employment:  
full-time

The Philipps University, founded in 1527, offers multiple award-winning teaching for around 22,000 students and tackles the important issues of our time with excellent research across a broad spectrum of science.

The Center for Conflict Studies is currently accepting applications for a

## Research Assistant

The starting date is August 1, 2023 with an end date July 31, 2026.

The position is part of the doctoral network "Coping with Varieties of Radicalisation into Terrorism and Extremism" (VORTEX), which is funded by the EU Horizon Europe's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. The project's overarching aim is to develop new evidence-based innovative strategies to counter and prevent ideological and behavioural radicalisation.

The salary is based on the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) funding plans of the Horizon Europe programme and complies with the national rules and regulations set out in the grant agreement and the MSCA Guide for Applicants.

The doctoral network, which is divided into 10 individual research projects, one for each doctoral student, includes Malmö University (Sweden) as the coordinator, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (Germany), the University of Marburg (Germany), the University of Helsinki (Finland), the University of Turin

(Italy), the Université libre de Bruxelles (Belgium), the University of Oslo (Norway), and Babes-Bolyai University (Romania).

The overarching theme the doctoral project is part of focuses on practices of knowledge production about (de-)radicalisation and how this knowledge is translated into deradicalisation policies. We aim at comparing different national and transnational security cultures as formative contexts of the production and translation of knowledge about (de-)radicalisation in order to investigate the emergence of epistemic communities, the epistemic practices and the mechanisms of translating knowledge into policies.

The doctoral education concludes with a doctoral degree and comprises 240 credits, which corresponds to four years of full-time study. The program consists of courses and an independent research project that is presented in a doctoral thesis.

### **Tasks:**

- formulating and conducting an independent and individual research project addressing dynamics of knowledge production and the dominance and diffusion of security cultures around radicalisation
- working on an individual research project in close collaboration with other doctoral students and senior researchers in the network. Whilst required to ensure their work fits broadly within the overall doctoral network by working closely with potential supervisors and principal investigators from the University of Marburg, Prof. Dr. Ursula Birsl, Prof. Dr. Thorsten Bonacker and Prof. Dr. Christopher Cohrs at the Center for Conflict Studies
- spending time at universities and organisations in the project, within and outside Europe
- playing an active part in the research and educational environment and in the European doctoral network. The doctoral students will be expected to attend events organized by VORTEX, and to contribute to a textbook and a white paper on radicalisation

Within the framework of the externally funded project, the opportunity for project-related scientific work is offered. By means of a supervision agreement, it can be ensured that the results obtained are available for one's own academic qualification outside of working hours.

### **Profile:**


- completed university degree in social sciences or (social) psychology (Master's degree or comparable)
- ability to express oneself in written and spoken English on an advanced level
- knowledge about the state of the art in (de-)radicalization research

- knowledge about concepts in critical security studies
- sufficient method skills in order to conduct the individual research

According to the project funder's regulations, the applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Germany for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before their recruitment date. The applicants must not already be in possession of a doctoral degree at the date of the recruitment.

## Contact for further information

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We support women and strongly encourage them to apply. In areas where women are underrepresented, female applicants will be preferred in case of equal qualifications. As a certified family-friendly university, we support our employees in balancing family and career. Sharing a full-time position (§ 8 Abs. 2 S. 1 HGLG) as well as a reduction of working time is possible. Applicants with a disability as described in SGB IX (§ 2 Abs. 2, 3) will be preferred in case of equal qualifications. Application and interview costs cannot be refunded.

Please send your application mentioning registration number as a single PDF file to [thorsten.bonacker@uni-marburg.de](mailto:thorsten.bonacker@uni-marburg.de). The application shall include a motivational letter, a CV, certificates and a brief outline of the individual research project (max. 3 pages). Deadline April 16, 2023.



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