At the Center for Conflict Studies the position as Research Assistant (Postdoc) is available. The position is offered from 01.05.2020 until 30.04.2023, if no former times of qualification must be considered. The position is full-time with salary and benefits commensurate with a public service position in the state Hesse, Germany (TV-H E 13, 100%).

Responsibilities include scientific research in the research project “Politics of Reparation of Victim Organizations in Transitional Justice” funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, particular on the project’s case studies and on the comparative analysis. The postdoc position is most notably responsible for the process tracing. It is expected that the research fellows also contribute to theory development in the project.

The project is concerned with the politics of reparation of victim organizations, their aims and means. It focusses on administrative reparations, decided by governments without ignoring that reparations ordered by the court might have an impact on the public debates about reparations. It tests different approaches to explain the selectivity of reparation policies. Based on that, the project aims to develop hypotheses on causal mechanisms for positive reparation outcomes. It compares politics of reparations in four cases each representing different violent pasts: Guatemala for an anti-regime war, Morocco for state repression, Northern Ireland for an identity based conflict, and Timor Leste for a secessionist war.

For further information about the project: https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/conflict-studies/research-1/externally-funded-projects/current-research-projects/20202023_reparation.

The position will be filled by a temporary contract that is limited to the period which is necessary to gain further scientific expertise (such as the preparation for a subsequent qualification period). Within the entrusted tasks the opportunity for independent scientific work to obtain further personal qualification is given. The limitation of the contract complies to § 2 Abs. 1 WissZeitVG.

Requirements for applicants: very good degree (Master or equivalent) in social sciences (including, for example, political science, sociology, peace and conflict studies, regional or global studies); at least very good PhD related to this field of studies; language and regional skills required for the case studies; excellent English skills and experiences with qualitative and comparative research methods including process tracing. It is expected that applicants are familiar with recent debates in the field of transitional justice, that they are able to work in teams and that they are willing to participate in activities at the Center for Conflict Studies. It is an advantage to have knowledge of the literature on social movements and skills in comparative research methods and process tracing.

For questions, please contact Professor Dr. Thorsten Bonacker at thorsten.bonacker@uni-marburg.de.

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. Applicants with children are welcome - Philipps-University is certified as a family-friendly university. 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 can not be refunded. Please state in your application in which case study for are particularly interested in and which competences you have for this.

All application documents must be sent to only in one PDF document to thorsten.bonacker@uni-marburg.de before 20.03.2020, citing reference number ZE-0029-ZfK-wmz-2002.