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LMU Munich is one of the leading research universities in Europe with more than 500 year long tradition. It is located in Munich, one of the most beautiful cities of Germany, and a leading center for science and research.

The Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the Faculty for the Study of Culture invites applications for one postdoctoral and two doctoral positions for ONLINERPOL, a five year research project (2017-22) on political cultures of new media in India and among the diaspora. The project is funded by the European Research Council Starting Grant (Agreement Number: 714385).

ONLINERPOL explores new media practices in India and the diaspora in Europe, and examines the relationship between expanding Internet media and the politics of national belonging mediated by secular-religious-liberal fissures. The project is carried out by a core team of researchers based at the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, in cooperation with the Department of Communication and Media Research, LMU Munich, and a global network of collaborators.

We seek energetic and committed applicants who can design projects on new media and political cultures, and creatively connect with the objectives of ONLINERPOL.

PhD positions (3.5 years)

PhD position 1:

Ethnography of online media, political cultures and Hindu identities among the Indian diaspora in the UK and Germany

The project will carry out an ethnographic study of online practices and narratives around national belonging/Hindu nationalism among the Indian diaspora in the UK and Germany. The project will closely follow particular social media sites and user groups (Facebook/Twitter or website/online discussion group).

PhD position 2:

Ethnography of online media, political cultures and Muslim identities among the Indian diaspora in the UK and Germany

The project will carry out an ethnographic study of online practices, Muslim identities and narratives of national belonging among the Indian diaspora in the UK and Germany. The project will closely follow particular social media sites and user groups (Facebook/Twitter or website/online discussion group).

The broad objective of the doctoral positions is to understand the dynamics of online use cultures as they mediate diaspora experiences and political cultures of national belonging, and how they bring about new, real-time connections between diasporic locations and homeland politics. In both the projects, ethnographic fieldwork among online users will be supplemented with an analysis of the design and organization of sampled Facebook groups, Twitter handles or websites, and the social texts and activities they have generated.

Candidates with a background in anthropology, media and communication studies, or cultural studies with regional interest in South Asia are invited to apply. PhD researchers will participate in specially designed reading courses on anthropology of digital media; media and religion; and digital media activism, with opportunities to enrol for other courses at the university. They will also have an

opportunity to assist/offer undergraduate courses on media anthropology. Candidates will take part in various project related activities, including workshops, conferences and social media contributions.

Doctoral positions are fully funded (TVL E13 50%) for 3.5 years. The project will cover fieldwork expenses and participation in international conferences (upto 2).

Postdoctoral position (2 years)

New media and political Islam in India

The study will map and analyze online media engagements of a major organization for political Islam in India (for eg., *Jamaat-i-Islami*) using ethnographic techniques and discourse analysis. How does the organization engage, organize and regulate its online presence? How does it engage online debates on national belonging and what are the implications for historically configured politics of religious difference? How is authority affirmed and reconfigured in light of the emerging online Muslim publics?

Candidates with a background in anthropology, media and communication studies, cultural studies, or Islamic studies with regional interest in South Asia are invited to apply. The postdoctoral researcher is invited to co-design and co-teach the courses on media and religion, and digital ethnography, and actively participate in planning and organizing project related offline and online activities.

Postdoctoral position is contracted with TVL E13 100% salary for 2 years. All fieldwork expenses will be covered, and participation in international conferences will be fully funded.

Successful applicants are expected to begin on or by **1 January 2018**.

Proficiency in English is needed. Net savviness is highly desired.

Successful candidates will be part of an exciting multidisciplinary conversation on new media, with opportunities to partner with the core research team based in Munich and a global network of collaborators.

Our offer

The university is centrally located in Munich and can be reached very easily by public transport. We offer a stimulating work atmosphere with opportunities for further education and growth. Differently abled people are given a priority.

Send your application (cover letter, 2 page proposal with a clear research plan and timeline, updated CV, 2 writing samples, names of two referees and copies of degree certificates as a single pdf) by email to ONLINERPOL@ethnologie.lmu.de and sahana.udupa@lmu.de with the subject line 'Application for doctoral/postdoctoral position ONLINERPOL' or by post to

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Deadline for submission: **31 August 2017**.

Only completed applications will be considered. Finalists may be interviewed

Wissenschaftliche(n) Mitarbeiter(in) (xx %) am Lehrstuhl für Ethnologie

Einrichtung: Lehrstuhl für Ethnologie

Besetzungsdatum: xx.yy.2017

Ende der Bewerbungsfrist: xx.yy.2017

Entgeltgruppe: E13 TV-L (50 %)

Befristung: xx.yy.2017

Am Institut für Ethnologie des Departments für Kulturwissenschaften der LMU ist zum xx.yy.2017 die Stelle eines/r Wissenschaftlichen Mitarbeiters/in zu besetzen.

Aufgaben

Zu Ihren Aufgaben gehört die Mitarbeit im Rahmen eines ERC-Projekts im 8. Forschungsrahmenprogramm der EU mit dem Schwerpunkt xxx.

Anforderungen

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Wir erwarten XXX

Sehr gute Englischkenntnisse werden vorausgesetzt.

Unser Angebot

Ihr Arbeitsplatz befindet sich in zentraler Lage in München und ist sehr gut mit öffentlichen Verkehrsmitteln zu erreichen. Wir bieten Ihnen eine interessante und verantwortungsvolle Tätigkeit mit guten Weiterbildungs- und Entwicklungsmöglichkeiten. Schwerbehinderte Bewerber / Bewerberinnen werden bei ansonsten im Wesentlichen gleicher Eignung bevorzugt.

Bewerbungsadresse

Bitte senden Sie Ihre Bewerbung (in elektronischer Form) bis spätestens xx.yy.2017 an

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