

Friedrich Schiller University is a traditional university with a strong research profile rooted in the heart of Germany. As a university covering all disciplines, it offers a wide range of subjects. Its research is focused on the areas Light-Life-Liberty. It is closely networked with non-research institutions, research companies and renowned cultural institutions. With around 18,000 students and more than 8,600 employees, the university plays a major role in shaping Jena's character as a cosmopolitan and future-oriented city.

At the Institute of Slavic Languages and Caucasus Studies of the Friedrich Schiller University Jena we offer a

Doctoral Researcher Position (m/f/d) (65%)

commencing on 30 April 2021.

The position is a part of the 3-year research project **Resilience in the South Caucasus: prospects and challenges of a new EU foreign policy concept (Jena-Cauc)**. The research project is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). The project seeks to analyze the impacts of the "resilience turn" of EU foreign policy in the South Caucasus and its contribution to conflict and crisis prevention. Through an inside-out analysis it will focus on studying preferences of state and non-state stakeholders and the role of minority and language policy. Two separate clusters of the project will focus on the relationship between democracy and resilience in the South Caucasus and the place and role of the resilience approach within the wider regional strategy of the EU in the region. In doing so, the project will develop policy-relevant approaches which can contribute to effective implementation of EU's regional governance in the South Caucasus region. The project combines area studies on the South Caucasus with the analysis of the German-European governance in the region.

Further project goals are the structural strengthening of Caucasus Studies at the FSU Jena through the establishment of national and international cooperation in research and teaching, the communication of results to political and civil society actors, and the increase of the visibility of Caucasus Studies through transfer measures, international conferences, and the establishment of an international fellowship program.

Your responsibilities:

- PhD dissertation on a project-related topic
- Conducting research in one of the project-related area, in particular European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) in the South Caucasus and EU Foreign and Security Policy
- Organization of project-related activities and events (workshops, seminars, round table discussions, conferences)
- Collaboration in the establishment and maintenance of social media channels, the project website and the project online platform Jena-Cauc
- Administrative support of the project, in particular the fellowship program and the international fellows
- Participation in the preparation of funding applications
- Involvement in the self-administration of the university



Requirements:

- Master's degree or equivalent in political science, social sciences or related disciplines
- Research experience in Caucasus Studies, post-Soviet Space, and/or EU foreign and security policy
- Excellent communication skills in English (both written and spoken)
- Solid knowledge of qualitative research methods
- Good understanding of the use of electronic media
- Flexibility and ability to work in a team

We offer:

- a doctoral position according to TV-L E13 (65%)
- work in a dynamic, international and interdisciplinary environment
- opportunities to develop and advance international scientific networks, international cooperation and contacts with the leading universities in the Caucasus region
- participation in international conferences, workshops, seminars and public events
- an exciting and friendly research atmosphere with considerable room for creativity
- salary in accordance with the terms of the collective agreement for the public service of the Länder (TV-L) in accordance with personal qualifications up to salary scale E13

The position is based on a fixed-term contract (3 years). It's a part-time position with 65 % of a full-time employment.

Candidates with severe disabilities will be given preference in the case of equal qualifications and suitability.

Applications should include all relevant documents (including CV, copies of certificates and the names and addresses of two referees) and a short exposé on the applicant's research interests and how these relate to the project (max. 5 pages). Applications need to be submitted in electronic form (one PDF document) to Dr. Bidzina Lebanidze by email (bidzina.lebanidze@uni-jena.de) no later than March 20th, 2021.

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Postdoctoral Researcher Position (m/f/d) (100%)

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Your responsibilities:

- Conducting research in one or several of the project-related areas, in particular resilience and European integration, EU Foreign and Security Policy and European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) in the South Caucasus
- Organization of project-related activities and events (workshops, seminars, round table discussions, conferences)
- Collaboration in the establishment and maintenance of social media channels, the project website and the project online platform Jena-Cauc
- Guiding the project research team, administrative management of the project, including the fellowship program and collaboration with the international fellows
- Participation in the preparation of funding applications
- Involvement in the self-administration of the university



Requirements:

- PhD degree in political science, social sciences or related disciplines
- Research experience in one or more project-related fields (South Caucasus Area Studies, EU Foreign and Security Policy, International Relations and International Development)
- Excellent communication skills in English (both written and spoken)
- Solid knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methods
- High-quality plans and high potential for future academic publications (incl. publications in preparation and pipeline)
- Experience of applying for research funding
- Flexibility and ability to work in a team

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Call for Applications

Deadline **30.03.2021**



**FRIEDRICH-SCHILLER-
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At the Institute of Slavic Languages and Caucasus Studies of the Friedrich Schiller University Jena we offer a short-term (3 to 6 months)

Stipend for an International Research Fellowship (post-doc) (m/f/d)

commencing on 15 June 2021.

The fellowship is a part of the 3-year research project **Resilience in the South Caucasus: prospects and challenges of a new EU foreign policy concept (Jena-Cauc)**. The research project is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). The project seeks to analyze the impacts of the “resilience turn” of EU foreign policy in the South Caucasus and its contribution to conflict and crisis prevention. Through an inside-out analysis it will focus on studying preferences of state and non-state stakeholders and the role of minority and language policy. Two separate clusters of the project will focus on the relationship between democracy and resilience in the South Caucasus and the place and role of the resilience approach within the wider regional strategy of the EU in the region. In doing so, the project will develop policy-relevant approaches which can contribute to effective implementation of EU’s regional governance in the South Caucasus region. The project combines area studies on the South Caucasus with the analysis of the German-European governance in the region.

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Tasks:

- Conducting research in one of the project-related areas (South Caucasus Area Studies, EU Foreign and Security Policy)
- Participation in regular team meetings and in project-related activities and events (workshops, seminars, round table discussions, conferences)
- Fellows are to reside in Jena for the duration of their fellowship (if the pandemic situation allows for it)
- Publishing of project-related individual or collaborative research in form of peer-reviewed publication(s) as well as contributing to project-related policy-relevant publication(s)
- Advisory support in publication management strategies and participation in peer-review processes of the *Jena Caucasus Policy Papers* and the online platform Jena-Cauc (to be build up by the project team)

Requirements:

- PhD degree in political science, social sciences or related disciplines
- Affiliation with a university or a research institution
- Research experience in one or more project-related fields (South Caucasus Area Studies, EU Foreign and Security Policy, International Relations and International Development)
- Applicants should propose a research project within the thematic range of the project (not exceeding 5 pages; see below for further details)
- Excellent communication skills in English (both written and spoken)
- Strong record of academic publications

- High-quality plans and high potential for future academic publications (incl. publications in preparation and pipeline)

Requirements for the project proposal:

- central questions and methodological approach
- relevance with regard to existing scholarship in lieu of a bibliography
- research and work conducted so far
- desired dates of the fellowship and planned work schedule
- intended form of publication (article, monograph, etc.)

We offer:

- compensation in form of a stipend (ranging from 2000€ to 2700€ per month in accordance with the level of research experience and the academic position of the applicant at the home institution)
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- support for incoming fellows with children in finding child care and local schools

The fellowship is based on a fixed-term fellowship contract (min. 3 to max. 6 months). The fellow is expected to follow scientific activities in full-time and to reside in Jena.

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