Call for applications

Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU)

The Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) invites applications for a

Professorship for Cultural and Social Anthropology with a focus on East Asia (W2 / Associate Professor)

at the Institute of Languages and Cultures of the Middle East and East Asia in the Department of Classical World and Asian Cultures. The professorship is to be filled by 01.10.2022 on a fixed-term basis until 30.09.2027.

The professorship is planned as part of the Elite Master's degree programme 'Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures' (SDAC) which was established in 2017 and has secured funding from the Bavarian State Ministry of Science and the Arts within the Elite Network of Bavaria (ENB) until 30 September 2027.

We seek to appoint an expert who will develop an internationally visible research and teaching profile in the field of cultural and social anthropology with a regional focus on East Asia, and culturally sensitive decision-making theories. The professor will also be responsible for managing the interdisciplinary SDAC Elite programme until the completion of its second funding period (September 2027) in collaboration with the two speakers. A particular emphasis of the professorship's activities is managing the curriculum of the SDAC programme.

Candidates are required to have research and teaching experience in cultural and social anthropology of East Asia as the focus region of the programme as well as good knowledge of the anthropology of decision-making. The professor will also need to be proficient in an East Asian language. Experience in organising the teaching of (ideally interdisciplinary) programmes is an advantage. As the working language of the programme is English, we expect candidates to have teaching experience in English and a record of international publications.

The professorship assumes a leading role in the further development of the SDAC programme as well as in the cooperation with SDAC partners (for example at Peking University). The ability to work closely with the DFG Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences 'Alternative Rationalities and Esoteric Practices from a Global Perspective', which will be established in 2022, is also desirable.

Successful candidates demonstrate excellent academic achievements in research and teaching at the highest international standards. You have substantial research experience abroad and/or international cooperations as well as experience in managing research projects and in raising third-party funding. A university degree and an outstanding doctoral degree as well as a passion for education and pertinent teaching experience are prerequisites. Candidates who are able and willing to teach in English are required. The position also requires additional postdoctoral qualifications. These should be in the form of a habilitation (postdoctoral thesis) or equivalent academic qualifications. You may also
have acquired the necessary qualifications in a non-university context or through a junior faculty position (for example as W1 Professor or Assistant Professor).

FAU expects applicants to become actively involved in administering academic affairs and in developing strategic initiatives. FAU pursues a policy of intense student mentoring and therefore expects its teaching staff to be present during lecture periods.

FAU offers an outstandingly productive research environment as well as a passionate and multi-disciplinary scholarly community within a vibrant institutional network.

In its pursuit of academic excellence, FAU is committed to equality of opportunity and to a proactive and inclusive approach, which supports and encourages all under-represented groups, promotes an inclusive culture and values diversity. FAU is a family-friendly employer and is also responsive to the needs of dual career couples.

Please submit your complete application documents (CV, list of publications, list of lectures and courses taught, copies of certificates and degrees, list of third-party funding) online at https://berufungen.fau.de by 22. December 2021, addressed to the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology. Please contact phil-berufungen@fau.de with any questions.