



The Department of Social Sciences at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf comprises the disciplines of sociology, political science, as well as communication and media studies. Research and teaching in the Department are characterized by interdisciplinary collaboration.

The Department of Social Sciences is seeking to fill the following position as of 01.04.2026:

## W2 Professorship (permanent) with tenure track to W3 for Political Science with a focus on Comparative Politics

The position is connected with the co-directorship of the Institute of German and International Party Law and Party Research (PRuF). It will be filled as a permanent W2 professorship. After five years, in the event of a positive evaluation, the position will be raised to W3 without a new advertisement.

We invite applications from candidates who represent the discipline of political science broadly, with a particular focus on comparative politics and its methods, both in teaching and research. The successful candidate must pursue an international research agenda in comparative politics. One of the research focuses must be internationally comparative party research.

We seek a scholar with proven international experience, outstanding academic skills, and an excellent record in empirical research. The candidate must demonstrate this, amongst others, through publications in internationally recognized peer-reviewed academic journals and a successful track record in securing competitive third-party funding.

Experiences in international research collaborations are desirable. Willingness to initiate and lead large collaborative research projects is expected.

The research agenda of the post holder is also expected to connect closely with the priorities of the Department of Social Sciences as well as the Düsseldorf Institute for Internet and Democracy (DIID). In particular, the post holder must demonstrate compatibility with existing priorities of the Department's division of political science.

The successful candidate will contribute to teaching in the two Bachelor programs "Philosophy, Politics, and Economics" (PPE) and "Social Sciences," as well as the minor in Political Science, and the Master programs in "Political Communication" and "Social Sciences". We require broad and relevant experience in teaching political and social science. The ability to teach both in German and English is expected.

Experiences in academic self-government are also required. Additionally, experiences and interest in communicating research to political practitioners and the broader public are desirable.

In addition to the general employment requirements in accordance with § 36 of the Higher Education Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Hochschulgesetz NRW), the recruitment requirements include in particular pedagogical aptitude, special aptitude for academic work and additional academic achievements. Applications from women are expressly encouraged. Women with equal aptitude, qualifications and academic performance will be given preferential consideration, unless reasons relating to the person of a competitor do not prevail.

Heinrich Heine University lives the principle „excellence through diversity“. HHU has signed the "Charta der Vielfalt (diversity)" and successfully participated in the audit "Shaping Diversity" of the Stifterverband. HHU is certified as family-friendly and aims to promote its employees' diversity.

Applications from suitably qualified severely disabled persons or disabled persons regarded as being of equal status according to Book IX of the German Social Legal Code (SGB – Soziales Gesetzbuch) are encouraged.

At Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, appointments may also be part-time, provided there are no overriding administrative reasons in individual cases for requiring full-time employment.

Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf offers a Dual-Career-Service and is a member of the Rhineland Dual Career Network (Dual Career Netzwerk Rheinland). Further information can be found at [www.dualcareer-rheinland.de](http://www.dualcareer-rheinland.de).

Please submit your application with (1) a letter of motivation, (2) a curriculum vitae including lists of all scientific publications and a tabular list of personally competitively acquired third-party funds including proof of approvals and (3) a brief research and teaching concept in digital form in the appointment portal at <https://berufungsportal.hhu.de>.

The application deadline is 25.09.2024.