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Institute for Peace Research
and Security Policy
at the University of Hamburg

The Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH) is seeking to fill

1-2 positions as senior researcher/researcher

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within its focus area *Arms Dynamics and Arms Control of Weapons of Mass Destruction* as part of its research and consulting project *Arms Control, Disarmament and Risk Technologies*. The research team deals with the political and technical possibilities through which military capabilities and threat potentials in the field of weapons of mass destruction can be regulated and risks of war reduced.

The project is conducted with financial support from the German Federal Foreign Office. The positions, to be filled as soon as possible, are remunerated in accordance with pay category 13 or 14 (65-100 %) of the public sector pay agreement of the City of Hamburg (TV-AVH) and limited to 1.5-4 years. Subject to the availability of funds, the duration and scope of each of the positions depend on the qualifications required and the characteristics of the individual roles.

The IFSH is an interdisciplinary research institute at the University of Hamburg and is supported by the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg. The research activities of the IFSH concentrate on current developments and challenges to peace and security with a focus on the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian areas. The transfer of knowledge to decision makers in politics and society is a core aspect of the institute's work.

We are looking for ambitious researchers and experts who enjoy working in a dynamic environment at the intersection of cutting-edge research and policy-related consultancy. In the coming years, the IFSH will renew and significantly expand its existing expertise in arms control, disarmament, non-proliferation, and emerging technologies. Toward that end, the IFSH will cooperate closely with the German Federal Foreign Office as well as with international research institutions and think tanks. The aim is to establish a leading international hub for interdisciplinary research and policy-relevant work on these issues.

Your responsibilities

- You actively contribute to research and policy advice in the field of arms control, disarmament, non-proliferation and verification of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction. Possible research areas include: theories and strategies of arms control related to weapons of mass destruction; WMD non-proliferation and disarmament regimes as well as corresponding bilateral and multilateral arms control treaties; arms control in space; implications of missile defence; new proliferation risks and novel verification approaches.
- You publish your research results in high quality international publications and on relevant policy platforms.

- You disseminate your research results through policy activities vis-à-vis national, international and transnational actors, through public events and active participation in international conferences as well as through interaction with national and international media.

Your profile

- You have a university degree in the natural or social sciences or another degree relevant to the position. Your doctorate in a relevant field has been completed or is in its final phase. Alternatively, you have several years of equivalent research experience.
- Your expertise in the fields of disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction is proven by a record of high quality publications.
- You have initial experience in the acquisition, development and implementation of academic research and policy consultancy projects.
- Experience in international research cooperation is preferred.
- You have excellent command of written and spoken English. German, or the willingness to learn the language, is an asset.
- You have excellent communication skills and the ability to work as part of a team; you are self-motivated and well organised.

The IFSH actively supports women in their careers and is therefore particularly interested in applications from women in areas in which they are underrepresented. If they have the required qualifications, women are given priority in these areas in line with the Hamburg Equal Opportunities Act. We also encourage applications from individuals with disabilities.

Please send detailed applications with two writing samples and a short profile of your research interests in the context of the advertised position to bewerbung@ifsh.de (a single PDF file with a maximum size of 8 MB) by 17 December 2018.

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