

The project „Religion, religiosity, and the social-emotional integration of Muslim youth“, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), invites applications for the following positions, starting in June 2018 or later:

## 2 PhD researchers for three years, 65%

The project is directed at the MZES—an interdisciplinary research institute of the University of Mannheim, dedicated to comparative European social research and the analysis of European integration processes. It is Germany's largest university-based social science research centre.

The project examines the mechanisms that drive the social-emotional integration of Muslim youth. For this purpose, (longitudinal) secondary data analyses (e.g., CILS4EU, NEPS), choice experiments, and group discussions will be conducted. The main aim is to better understand to what extent religion and religiosity matter for friendship choices and the development of national identification of young Muslims. It will also be examined whether non-Muslim youth exclude their Muslim peers, and, if so, what consequences this has for their social-emotional integration.

Payment will be 65% of a full TV-L E13 position (according to the German public servant remuneration grade table). The monthly payment amounts to approx. €2,300 before taxes in the first year, increasing to approx. €2,700 before taxes in the third year.

### The PhD researchers will:

- Clean, prepare, and analyse secondary data, especially (network) panel data
- Prepare, conduct, and evaluate (online) choice experiments
- Assist in presenting results of the project at scientific conferences or in journal articles
- Write and publish peer-reviewed journal articles

### Job candidates should meet the following requirements:

- Very good master's degree in sociology or a related discipline
- Experience/expertise in research methods, preferably in (at least) one of the following areas:
  - Panel data analysis
  - Social network analysis
  - Experimental designs (factorial surveys, choice experiments)
- Good knowledge of (at least) one statistical software package (e.g., Stata, R, or MPlus)
- Candidates should be interested in the topic and methods of the project
- Working knowledge of German (or strong interest and willingness to learn German) is preferred

In principle, the position can be shared. As an equal opportunity employer, the University of Mannheim particularly encourages applications from women and persons with disabilities.



Applications including a cover letter, indicating your earliest availability, a CV, and copies of degree certificates must be submitted by **March 31, 2018**. Please send your application as **one pdf** to Lars Leszczensky: [Lars.Leszczensky@mzes.uni-mannheim.de](mailto:Lars.Leszczensky@mzes.uni-mannheim.de). For further questions about the positions or the project, please contact Lars Leszczensky. More information about the project can be found at [www.mzes.uni-mannheim.de](http://www.mzes.uni-mannheim.de).