

1-post doc und 2 doctoral positions in Research Group on the Legitimation Strategies of Regional Organizations

Please find attached a call for applications for three positions (1 x post doc, 2 x docs) in a **Leibniz Junior Research Group on “Sources and Consequences of Legitimation Strategies of Regional Organisations”** headed by **Prof. Dr. Tobias Lenz** at the **GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies** in Hamburg.

The Research Group seeks to map and explain the sources and consequences of legitimation strategies in regional organisations over time. It studies (1) how state representatives and regional organisation bureaucrats justify to relevant internal and external audiences an organisation’s right to rule, (2) why such discursive legitimation strategies may change over time and vary across organisations; and (3) whether and how they are related to institutional legitimation strategies. The Group’s research agenda consists of a quantitative component that aims to map, and explain basic patterns in, the discursive and institutional legitimation strategies of 30 regional organisations worldwide in the period from 1980 to 2015 and several qualitative components that seek to identify the causal mechanisms and political dynamics of legitimation and delegitimation in regional organisations in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

The three positions are:

- **Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 4 years**
- **Research Fellow (doc) to work on regional legitimacy crises, 3 years**
- **Research Fellow (doc) to work on the normative foundations of regional organisations, 3 years**

The three calls can be accessed at: <https://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/vacancies>

The screening of applications will begin on **1 March 2018**.

Kind regards,
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