HafenCity Universität Hamburg - Universität für Baukunst und Metropolenentwicklung (HCU) is focused on the built environment. Education and research at the HCU Hamburg are aimed at contemplating and concretising what the future of metropolitan areas could and should look like. Coping with this future implies a systematic interdisciplinary as well as a transdisciplinary approach. For this reason, the HCU follows an integrated approach that encompasses all fields of study in both research and teaching.

In the Department of Urban Planning at the HafenCity Universität Hamburg following position in the field of the professorship of Law and Administration in cooperation with the professorship of Urban Planning and Regional Development is open, starting 1 September 2021

Research Assistant (pursuing a doctorate) - CLICCS
(Salary group 13 TV-L)

with 65% of the regular working hours.
The position is limited to three years.
The excellence cluster CLICCS (https://www.cliccs.uni-hamburg.de/) is an ambitious climate research program of the University of Hamburg and partnering research institutions in the Hamburg metropolitan area. HCU is a partner in CLICCS. CLICCS is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) as part of the “Exzellenzstrategie des Bundes und der Länder” (excellence strategy of the federal and state governments).

With a wide spectrum of disciplines involved and a total duration of seven years, the program aims to understand climate changes, taking into account internal variability, extreme events, and unexpected side effects. The focus is on natural and social systems as well as their interactions. Thus CLICCS’ overarching research question is: Which climate futures are possible and which are plausible? CLICCS will investigate how climate changes and how society changes with it, thereby feeding back on climate. It will identify those climate futures that are consistent with both climate and social dynamics (possible), and those we expect to unfold with appreciable probability (plausible).

The position is part of the research project “Coping with Climate-Related Uncertainties and Variabilities (B5)” (https://www.cliccs.uni-hamburg.de/en/research/theme-b/b5.html) that contributes to the CLICCS program. The project is supervised by Prof. Dr. Martin Wickel, LL.M and Prof. Dr.-Ing. Jörg Knieling, M.A. (both HCU), and by Jun.-Prof. Dr. Cathrin Zengerling, LL.M. (University of Freiburg). Besides pursuing independent research and further academic qualifications (in particular a doctorate), the duties of research assistants include academic services in the project B5.

What are your tasks?
The specific task within project B5 will be to analyze the way in which uncertainties are dealt with in administrative and legislative decision-making processes. This aims at a comparative study in the jurisdictions of Germany/European Union and the USA. For this purpose, case studies shall be included in the research. The analysis should address both climate change mitigation and adaptation issues.

Knowledge and methodological skills are therefore expected in the following areas:
- Constitutional Law, Administrative Law with an emphasis on Environmental and Planning Law in at least one of the above-mentioned jurisdictions and the willingness and ability to acquire the necessary knowledge in other jurisdictions;
- Scientific discourse on climate change;
- Multi-level governance discourse.

Applicants are expected to submit a project outline including first thoughts on the project and possible research questions (max. 3 pages).

What do we expect?
An above average degree in a relevant field, preferably in Law or another program (e.g. Political Science, Social Science, Urban and Regional Planning, Geography) that provides comparable knowledge relevant to the described research.

What else do we expect?

- Creativity and mental flexibility in the development of new solutions;
- Ability to work in an interdisciplinary context;
- Ability to work in a team and independently;
- Joy in writing and scientific discussion;
- Excellent command of written and spoken German and/or English (the working language in CLICCS is English, sufficient English language skills are required accordingly);
- Computer skills in the Office programs, literature administration.

The HafenCity Universität Hamburg provides a family friendly environment and supports the compatibility of family and career.

Presence in Hamburg is required for this position.

We would point out that the applicant's classification in the level of experience within the advertised TV-L pay group within the recruitment procedure is based on the individually available professional experience of the candidate by the HR department of the HCU. Legally binding statements can only be made by the HR department of HCU.

For further information regarding this position please contact Herrn Martin Wickel, +49 (040) 428 27-4549.

To apply, please send digitally as one PDF-file (max.10 MB) a detailed CV and a portfolio along with a letter of application by July 31st, 2021 to:

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Travel and accommodation costs for job interviews cannot be reimbursed by the HafenCity Universität Hamburg.