



Job vacancy

Postdoctoral Research Associate - International Research Training Group 2560 "Baltic Peripeties" 25/E19

University of Greifswald, 16 December 2025 | deadline: 15 January 2026

At the University of Greifswald's **International Research Training Group 2560 "Baltic Peripeties. Narratives of Reformations, Revolutions and Catastrophes"** at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, there is a job vacancy **expected to be available from 1 April 2026**, limited to a period of **two years**, for a full-time

Postdoctoral Research Associate.

Payment will be made according to pay group 13 *TV-L Wissenschaft*. The post is also suitable for part-time employment.

The researcher independently will pursue a research project that engages with current developments in the Baltic Sea Region from the perspectives of comparative politics or public opinion. The position serves qualification in the second academic phase.

The researcher will work on their project embedded in the International Research Training Group "Baltic Peripeties". This is an interdisciplinary network including researchers at all career stages from the fields of political science, history, literary and media studies, linguistics, and philosophy at the University of Greifswald, the University of Tartu, and NTNU Trondheim. Focusing for instance on political turning points and crises, the network studies narratives of change in the Baltic Sea region. For further information see <https://peripeties.uni-greifswald.de/>. The research project should:

- Link to one or more of the following research subjects: parties, parliaments, governments, elections, voters, representation, political attitudes, public opinion, or European integration
- Contribute to an enhanced understanding of how political landscapes in the Baltic Sea region are changing, either gradually or through more abrupt changes
- Be empirical in nature, preferably using a quantitative or mixed methods approach
- Study either the Baltic Sea region as a whole or one or more countries in the region

Job description:

- Actively engage in the activities of the network, including presentations of their project at all three universities, attendance of lectures, co-organisation of interdisciplinary events, co-organisation of and participation in reading groups and skill training sessions in Greifswald
- Present their work at international conferences, for which funding may be provided, and publish the output of their project in internationally recognised peer-reviewed journals
- Research stays in Tartu and/or Trondheim are strongly encouraged and will be funded by the IRTG for up to four months
- Exchange and collaboration between the successful applicant and Piret Ehin (University of Tartu), Corinna Kroeber (University of Greifswald), and/or Jochen Müller (University of Greifswald), who represent Political Science in the Supervisory Board of the International Research Training Group, is encouraged

- The position serves qualification in the second academic phase; tasks will be assigned that are conducive to the realisation of postdoctoral qualifications (Habilitation or equivalent)

Job requirements:

- A successfully completed doctorate (PhD) in Political Science or a related field on commencement of employment
- An envisioned research project that fits the above-mentioned criteria
- Excellent knowledge of research methods relevant to the social sciences (quantitative and/or qualitative) and their application
- Excellent English language skills (C1)

Desirable:

- Initial academic publications or publication projects that are at a verifiable advanced stage
- A research focus that fits the research project
- Analytical thinking, experience in working in international environments, and ability to work in a team

The position is open to all persons, irrespective of gender. Severely disabled applicants with the same qualifications will be considered with preference.

In accordance with § 68(3) PersVG M-V, the Staff Council will only be involved in staff matters of the academic or artistic staff on request.

Unfortunately, the application costs (e.g. travel expenses for interviews) will not be reimbursed by the state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

Please note that by submitting your application, you provide your consent pursuant to data protection law for our processing of your application data. Further information about the legal bases and the use of your data can be found [here](#).

Applications should comprise a **cover letter, CV**, and a max. **three-page description of the envisioned research project**. Candidates should indicate their **plans for research stays at one or both of the IRTG partner institutions** in their application, as suitable candidates intending to conduct longer research stays of up to four months will be considered with preference.

For further questions about the position, please contact Corinna Kroeber (corinna.kroeber@uni-greifswald.de). For questions about the IRTG "Baltic Peripeties," please reach out to Nina Pilz (nina.pilz@uni-greifswald.de).

Applications in English or German should be submitted **via email** (as a single PDF file) with reference to the job advertisement number **25/E19** by **15 January 2026** to:

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