

Trier University conducts socially relevant research and teaching at the cutting edge: with a strong emphasis on digitalization, interdisciplinarity and diversity. The focus is on people and their relationship to society, law, business and the environment. With over 10,000 students and approximately 2,000 employees, Trier University is one of the largest employers in the European border region of Trier. A beautiful and navigable green campus, a lively academic life and an open-minded work culture offer many opportunities to make an impact.

Trier University's Faculty of Spatial and Environmental Sciences seeks to fill the following post in Geography on a permanent civil service basis as soon as possible:

W2-Professorship for Spatial Planning and Governance (LBesG) (m/w/d)

The post is a permanent civil service position which involves subject specific research and teaching duties as identified above.

We are looking for a scholar with proven expertise in the field of sustainable spatial planning and governance who will advance human geography discourses both theoretically as well as empirically and applied in at least one of the following fields: (i) mobility/transport, (ii) energy (geographies), (iii) societal relations with nature or resources. Knowledge of the German planning system is required. Candidates should demonstrate their research expertise through a national and international publication and research track record including successful acquisition of external funding. The research should provide synergies to existing research in geography and strengthen the faculty's profile at the interface of society and natural environment and provide impetus for a future-proof development of critical human geography at Trier. Teaching responsibilities will include introductory and advanced human geography modules in German and English for Bachelor's and Master's programs in Geography.

The official duties are detailed in Section 48, and the conditions for employment in Section 49, of the Higher Education Act. In particular, pedagogical aptitude and outstanding academic achievements must be demonstrated. The ability to offer courses in German is expected. Reference is made to Section 50, Paragraph 5, Sentences 5 and 6 of the Higher Education Act.

The state of Rhineland-Palatinate and Trier University have a support concept that requires a high level of teacher presence on campus. The University strives to increase the number of female employees and strongly encourages women to apply. Severely disabled people and those with equivalent status according to Section 2 Paragraph 3 of the Social Code Book IX will be given priority if they are suitable (please enclose proof).

We ask that application documents [CV, certificates, list of publications, list of courses and teaching evaluations, the five most important publications and a research and teaching concept] will be submitted in digital form (in a single PDF file). For more information on the processing of your personal data, please refer to the data protection information for application procedures in accordance with Article 13 DSGVO on our homepage.

We ask to submit applications in a single pdf file by 19.06.2025.

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