



Vacancy: Assistant Professor in Comparative European Politics

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The IHS is a private, postgraduate institution for teaching and research in the disciplines of political science, sociology, economics and finance. The Departments run postgraduate teaching programmes and conduct both internal and contracted research. The Department of Political Science focuses on the comparative study of European countries and their interactions with the European Union. Within this broad field of Comparative European Politics, current research by members of the Department revolves around various aspects of party politics, including party patronage, political representation and the linkage between parties and voters, right-populist parties and European integration, and the role of party politics in European and international governance.

The IHS Department of Political Science is now inviting applications for an **Assistant Professor in Comparative European Politics**.

Tasks

- independent and original research in the field of Comparative European Politics,
- the acquisition and management of research projects,
- making a strong contribution to the Department's research profile by publishing in high-ranking peer-reviewed journals and with international publishing houses,
- postgraduate teaching and supervision of students participating in our postgraduate programme,
- the organisation and management of various Departmental activities (visiting professors' seminars, conferences, working paper series etc.).

Requirements

- a relevant PhD./Doctorate in political science,
- a proven record of published research of an excellent international standard, and of lectures and conference presentations,
- international experience in research and teaching is of advantage,
- excellent spoken and written English, ideally also German (a basic command of the German language should be acquired within the first year of appointment),
- very good methodological and theoretical knowledge of political science in general, and of comparative politics in particular,
- enthusiasm for collaborating in a small and dedicated team.

Terms of contract

- Initially, the appointment is limited to two years (renewable after positive evaluation; a later upgrade is possible and a long-term commitment is welcome).
- The starting date of the appointment is in September 2009 or very soon thereafter.
- The gross annual salary is between 39,000 and 48,000 Euro (about 27,000 and 31,000 Euro after deductions), depending on qualifications and experience.
- The IHS offers very generous working conditions (e.g. in terms of holidays, travel funding, infrastructure etc.).

Application procedure

Applications should include a cover letter, a current CV, contact details of three referees, a list of lectures and publications, and a short outline of the intended research programme for the next two years. Application packages, preferably compiled into one PDF document, are to be sent by e-mail to Elisabeth Torggler (office.pol@ihs.ac.at). The closing date for application is **5 July 2009**. Hearings are envisaged for mid-July and a decision will be taken soon thereafter. We are striving for gender balance. Women are therefore particularly encouraged to apply.