

## Freie Universität Berlin

### Department of Political and Social Sciences Otto Suhr Institute for Political Science Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies

invites applications for a

#### **Junior Professorship in Politics of the Middle East and North Africa**

The successful applicant will be required to do research and teach in the aforementioned field.

In accordance with article 102a of the Berlin Higher Education Act (*Berliner Hochschulgesetz*), the successful candidate must have a Ph.D. reflecting her or his outstanding academic qualification. Previous post-graduate academic employment — both prior and subsequent to the conferral of the doctoral degree — should not exceed a total of six years.

The appointee will have an outstanding track record of university teaching and excellent research, preferably with a strong international component. Her or his research should focus on the politics of the Middle East and North Africa, in particular with respect to economic aspects of the Gulf region and /or the Maghreb. The successful candidate will be acquainted with relevant research in area studies and Middle Eastern Studies including working knowledge of the relevant language(s). She or he should further have experience with empirical and comparative research in the region as well as sponsored research projects.

The professorship contributes to the *Center for North African and Middle Eastern Politics*. It includes responsibilities in teaching and research, in particular instruction of courses within the regional modules for degree programs at the *Otto Suhr Institute* (i.e., Diplom, BA and MA); the development of joint research projects within the realm of the *Center's* key activities; and active contributions to the "Berlin Graduate School" *Muslim Cultures and Societies* as well as to the *Center for Area Studies (CAS)*; contribution to the international network of the Center.

In general, the language of instruction is German, but some teaching may be conducted in English. A non-German-speaking appointee will need to be able to teach in German within two years.

The vacancy is a position with limited tenure at the rank of W1. The successful candidate will be appointed as a public servant for the initial duration of three years. Provided that her or his performance is thereafter evaluated positively, employment will be extended by another three years.

Freie Universität Berlin is an equal opportunity employer.

Applications quoting the reference **VO** must be received at the address below **by December, 4<sup>th</sup> 2008** and should include a cover letter describing the applicant's interest in the position and relevant experience; a curriculum vitae with three references; a list of publications; and copies of the certificates of all academic degrees awarded.

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