



Technische Universität Berlin



Research Associate (PostDoc) - salary grade E13 TV-L Berliner Hochschulen

under the reserve that funds are granted
part-time employment may be possible

Faculty VI - Planning Building Environment, Institute of Sociology / Sociology of Architecture

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About us:

The Collaborative Research Center 1265 "Re-Figuration of Spaces," which has been funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) at the Technische Universität Berlin since 2018, investigates the changes in socio-spatial orders that have been observed since the late 1960s. For subproject B03 "Multiple Encapsulations: Gated Communities, Art Enclaves, and Child-Free Spaces" (Prof. Stollmann/Prof. Löw) in SFB 1265 "Re-Figuration of Spaces," we are looking for a research associate (100%, postdoc position). The subproject focuses on the material and social spatial structures of encapsulation as a response to and/or driver of social polarization. The research builds on and continues investigations from the first (smart gated urbanism) and second phases (safer spaces for LGBTQ+ communities) of the project. Two new foci are the enforcement of child-free public spaces in large Korean cities and the settlement of artists in villages on Jeju-Do island.

Your responsibility:

The advertised position includes secondary and cross-sectional analyses of data from phases 1 and 2, ethnographic field studies, mappings, and interviews with protagonists and planners on conflictual spatial production.

- Collaboration in the DFG research project "Multiple Enclosures: Gated Communities, Art Enclaves, and Child-Free Spaces" as part of SFB 1265 "Refiguration of Spaces."
- The postdoctoral researcher is responsible for designing the survey instruments, conducting the data collection, and subsequently analyzing the data.
- Together with the project lead and the second postdoctoral researcher from architecture, he/she/they will ensure the successful implementation of the research design in terms of organization and content.
- The methods include spatial ethnography in South Korea (virtual and on-site), guided interviews with citizens and planners, image analysis, and the creation of joint spatial displays/mappings.
- The project combines knowledge from sociology and urban studies.
- The postdoc coordinates the interdisciplinary consolidation of results in the project process.
- He/she/they coordinates field access with the second postdoc and plays a key role in the creation of scientific publications.
- For the SFB, he/she/they take on coordination tasks in the area of internationalization and diversity.
- Active participation in the SFB on-site program in Berlin is required.

Your profile:

- Successfully completed university degree (Master, Diplom or equivalent) and PhD in sociology or related urban disciplines such as planning, urban design, or architecture.
- Proven knowledge of spatial theory and architectural and urban sociology is required.
- Demonstrable experience in the application of qualitative methods.
- Good knowledge of Korean required
- Good knowledge of German and/or English required; willingness to acquire any missing German or English language skills.
- Background knowledge in architecture and urban planning as well as skills in architectural representation are desirable.

How to apply:

Please send your application, **quoting the reference number**, with the usual documents (combined in a single PDF document, max. 5 MB) **only by email** to Prof. Dr. Martina Löw via rim.winker@tu-berlin.de.

By submitting your application via email you consent to having your data electronically processed and saved. Please note that we do not provide a guaranty for the protection of your personal data when submitted as unprotected file. Please find our data protection notice acc. DSGVO (General Data Protection Regulation) at the TU staff department

homepage: https://www.abt2-t.tu-berlin.de/menue/themen_a_z/datenschutzerklaerung/.

To ensure equal opportunities between women and men, applications by women with the required qualifications are explicitly desired. Qualified individuals with disabilities will be favored. The TU Berlin values the diversity of its members and is committed to the goals of equal opportunities. Applications from people of all nationalities and with a migration background are very welcome.

The vacancy is also available on the internet at:
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