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The **Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology** at Goethe University Frankfurt offers the following position:

**Research fellow (m/f/d)  
(predoc)  
(E13 TV-G-U, 65% part-time)**

The salary grade is based on the job characteristics of the collective agreement (TV-G-U) applicable to Goethe University. The position offers a fixed-term contract until 31 December 2027, in association with the research project “**Humour as an epistemic practice of the political present (No-Joke)**”, which is funded by an ERC Starting Grant to Professor Mirco Göpfert. The position can be filled as soon as possible.

### **Required Qualifications**

- excellent completed academic university degree (Master) in social and cultural anthropology or closely related fields
- experience with participant observation and a dedicated interest in the study of humour
- eagerness to engage in the creative (also experimental) integration of artistic modes of inquiry into your own research (previous experience with artistic modes of expression and/or inquiry would be desirable)
- very good command of English (working language in the project)

The project group is interested in applicants capable of developing and conducting a subproject on **satirical political parties or satirical forms of activism**, with a clear accent on the study of humorous practices through participant observation and creative, collaborative research (instead of rather distant discourse and media analysis). We are looking for candidates who will take part in our effort to turn the overall project into an environment for creative and collective learning. For a more detailed description of the project and its methodology, please visit the preliminary project website: <https://ti-nygu.de/NoJoke>. As part of the project, funding is available for ethnographic field research, the preparation of publications, and the participation in seminars, workshops, conferences, and festivals.

The new team around Mirco Göpfert offers a dynamic, creative and internationally oriented space for research and collective learning. Your engagement and initiative in the activities of the working group, as well as your willingness to bring in own ideas to participate in shaping it, will be highly appreciated. Further information on the advertised position are accessible on the project website or may be obtained by contacting Mirco Göpfert ([goepfert@em.uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:goepfert@em.uni-frankfurt.de)) directly.

The Goethe University is committed to a policy of providing equal employment opportunities for both men and women alike, and therefore encourages particularly women to apply for the position/s offered. Individuals with severe disability will be prioritized in case of equal qualification.



Please submit your application (including your full contact details, a three-page draft of the subproject you are planning to develop and conduct within NoJoke, your current academic CV, and copies of relevant certificates) in a single pdf file to Sandra Hübner ([huefner@em.uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:huefner@em.uni-frankfurt.de)) by **22 January 2023**.

Please be aware that existing regulations do not permit the university to reimburse applicants for travel or other expenses incurred during the hiring process.