

The Institute of Political Science and Sociology at the Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg is seeking to fill a position beginning at 1 October 2026 for a period of 2 years as a

**Lecturer (f/m/d)  
for Political Theory and History of Ideas**

to be filled full-time. The position can be filled part-time, provided that the full-time fulfilment of the tasks is ensured through job sharing. Remuneration is in accordance with TV-L.

**Job profile: What you will do**

- Teaching in the Institute's degree programmes (10 SWS per semester, for BA and MA students as well as teacher training students, in particular the lecture "Introduction to Political Theory");
- Research and publication activities in the field of political theory;
- Tasks within the academic self-administration of the Institute.

**Your profile and qualifications: What you bring in**

- You have a completed doctorate in the field of political theory and/or history of ideas and/or political philosophy;
- You have experience in the application of research and analytical methods in classical, modern and post-modern political theory and history of ideas and/or comparative political theory;
- You have teaching experience and are enthusiastic about teaching theoretical content to students; proof of a university teaching certificate is an advantage;
- You are able to cover one or more of the following areas in teaching and research: classical, modern and post-modern political theory or history of political ideas (especially 17th-21st century); comparative political theory; theories of political systems (e.g. theories of democracy); theories of sustainability and/or justice; methods for researching and analysing classical, modern and post-modern political theory;
- You work academically in German and English; knowledge of other languages is an asset;
- You are a reliable and independent team player;
- You are pursuing an academic career and are willing to develop your skills and qualifications in academic work in the social sciences, especially in political theory and the history of ideas;
- You are interested in interdisciplinary co-operation, especially in the various social science disciplines of the Institute;
- You are interested in using concepts and methods of political theory to analyse relevant contemporary political and social challenges and phenomena (e.g. the global challenge of democracy).

We are looking for a highly reliable person of integrity who can represent political theory and the history of ideas in the Institute's teaching and research activities in the breadth described above. The Institute of Political Science and Sociology unites the disciplines of political science and sociology under one roof. The research specialisations of the IPS and its teaching areas are broadly diversified [see also: <https://www.politikwissenschaft.uni-wuerzburg.de>]. Our modern social science degree programmes lead to programme-accredited Bachelor, Master and teaching degrees and can be combined with numerous other subjects.

## The Institute: What we offer

- Integration into an interdisciplinary institute that is anchored in research and teaching in the disciplines of political science and sociology;
- A reliable and motivated dynamic team of academic colleagues at all career levels;
- Ongoing peer support for your teaching and research projects.
- The opportunity for completing a habilitation thesis is given.

JMU aims to increase the proportion of women and therefore expressly encourages qualified women to apply. Severely disabled persons with essentially equal aptitude, qualifications and professional performance will be given preference.

## Application

Your application should include the following documents: a letter of motivation in which you explain how you fulfil the criteria described above, a CV in tabular form, a list of publications, a description of your planned future research activities (max. 1 page), up to two references (no letters of recommendation please, only contact details), certificates and a copy of your published doctoral thesis.

Please submit your complete application to Prof. Dr Sonja Grimm via email [vorstand-ips@uni-wuerzburg.de](mailto:vorstand-ips@uni-wuerzburg.de) by 15 July 2026 at the latest. Please submit all documents in two files: one file with your doctoral thesis; one file with all other documents in the order indicated.

Alternatively, you can send your printed application (please only copies, no originals) to the following address

JMU Würzburg  
Prof. Dr Sonja Grimm  
Managing Director of the  
Institute of Political Science and Sociology  
Wittelsbacherplatz 1  
97074 Würzburg.

For cost reasons, printed application documents cannot be returned. Application documents will be destroyed three months after the end of the procedure.

Questions about the advertised position can also be addressed to Prof Dr Sonja Grimm. **Interviews are expected to take place in due course.**

