



The Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institute at the University of Freiburg is calling for applications for a position as:

### **Doctoral Researcher (65%)**

For the ERC-funded project “*The Political Lives of Migrants: Perspectives from Africa (PolMig)*”. Focusing on Africa, PolMig considers how migrants define political agency, enabled or disabled by politicisation processes of belonging in postcolonial state contexts. Drawing on this research, PolMig advances an Afrocentric understanding of political migrant agency with global relevance. The position is scheduled to last **for four years from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 until the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2029**.

Your profile:

- Completed Master’s degree (by May 2025) in political science, sociology, anthropology or other social science;
- Demonstrated interest in topics related to citizenship/belonging, political participation, migration states, migrant agency, resistance or post-colonial / de-colonial approaches;
- Interest in pursuing a PhD in political science (preferable) or other social science related to migration in Africa;
- Previous experience with research work as well as working in contexts of the Global South is of advantage;
- Strong analytical and writing skills;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English;
- Strong communication skills and ability to work cooperatively in a team.

Your tasks:

- Pursue own PhD topic tied to the research project;
- Research on political agency of migrant communities in Malawi and Liberia using a range of qualitative and participatory research methods;
- Carry out up to 6 months fieldwork in Malawi and Liberia within the four years;
- Help to develop, plan and conduct workshops, seminars and events related to the project;
- Contribute to and work on publication, discuss research findings at workshops and conferences.

We offer:

- Friendly and supportive work environment at the Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institute and within the PolMig research team;
- Salary according to the levels set by the public sector agreements TV-L E13;
- Funds for conference and workshop travel.

The deadline for applications is on the **27<sup>th</sup> December 2024**. Please send your complete application documents, including a letter of motivation, a CV, a writing sample (MA thesis or term paper) and certificates, in one PDF file to [polmig@abi.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:polmig@abi.uni-freiburg.de). Please specify that you are applying for the position related to **PolMig PhD Position** in the subject line of the email and in your application.

If you have questions there will be an information event on **the 12<sup>th</sup> December at 14h30 CEST**, which is an opportunity to informally ask questions about the project or the application process (register



[here](#)). Otherwise please contact Dr. Franzisca Zanker via email [franzisca.zanker@abi.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:franzisca.zanker@abi.uni-freiburg.de). Interviews are scheduled to take place between 20<sup>th</sup> January and 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

The ABI's personnel policy is based on the principles of equality and diversity (AGG). We welcome applications from people with underrepresented backgrounds in academia.



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