

At the Nordost-Institut (IKGN e.V.), which is funded by the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media on the basis of § 96 of the Federal Expellees Act (Bundesvertriebenengesetz), the following positions are available as of March 1, 2025 or later - within the framework of the DFG-funded project "Competing Socialisms and African Agency: The Sino-Soviet Rivalry in Tanzania during the Cold War, 1950s-1991" to be filled:

**2 positions as doctoral candidates (m/f/d)
(TVöD Bund, pay group 13, part-time 0.65)**

with a fixed-term contract of 65% for 36 months for 2 sub-projects
under the supervision of PD Dr. Kirsten Bönker.

The sub-projects are as follows:

- a) "Winning the Hearts and Minds" of 'African' People: Soviet Soft Power and 'African' Agency in Tanzania, 1956-1991
- b) "Leninizing Africa!": Soviet Economic Aid and Trade Relations in Tanzania, 1956-1991.

The Institute is a scientific research institution and "affiliated institute" of the University of Hamburg. It is dedicated to regional and relationship history as well as cultural studies issues in the regions of North-Eastern Europe in which Germans and other ethnic groups have lived alongside and with each other. It combines basic research with innovative perspectives from the historical sciences.

The DFG-funded cooperation project "Competing Socialisms and African Agency: The Sino-Soviet Rivalry in Tanzania during the Cold War, 1950s-1991" is being carried out with Loughborough University (UK) and is funded by the UK-German Funding Initiative in the Humanities.

Your Tasks:

- Independent research as part of the project and preparation of a dissertation
- Active participation in the project team with Loughborough University with regular work meetings
- Active participation in formats of the IKGN e.V.

Your Profile:

- Excellent university degree in history with a focus on Eastern European history, very good knowledge of Soviet history
- Fluent English, very good knowledge of Russian, good knowledge of German
- Willingness to travel to Central Asia and Tanzania

We offer:

- Close teamwork with Loughborough University and an international Advisory Board
- A communicative, trusting and team-oriented working atmosphere in Lüneburg
- A diverse, interdisciplinary and international working environment
- In-depth supervision, participation in the institute formats
- A workplace in the center of the beautiful Hanseatic city of Lüneburg
- A doctoral program at the University of Hamburg

Please send your informative application documents (cover letter, CV, certificates, name and email of a referee under **the reference number PhD 2025 by 03.02.2025** by email as a PDF document (max. 10 MB) to: sekretariat@ikgn.de

Applications can be submitted in English or German.

The IKGN e.V. pursues the goal of professional equality between women and men and therefore strongly encourages women to apply. Severely disabled persons with equal qualifications will be given priority.

Your data will be stored and processed as part of the application process and deleted after the process has been completed.

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