



KATHOLISCHE UNIVERSITÄT  
EICHSTÄTT-INGOLSTADT

*The Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (KU) is a non-state university under church leadership and officially recognized by the Free State of Bavaria. It is committed to strong research and excellent teaching and combines first-class study conditions with an international focus. Eight faculties offer a wide range of subjects for around 5,000 students. The University employs 900 people of different faiths and beliefs. Grounded in the Christian view of human life, the KU aims to create an academic and educational culture of responsibility.*

The **Faculty of Languages and Literatures** and the **Center for Flight and Migration** invite applications for the

## Professorship of Media and the Public with Specialization in Migration (W2)

for the duration of five years in a temporary public service relationship to be filled by the earliest possible starting date.

Within the context of the women professors program III funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the KU is committed to increasing the percentage of female professors. Therefore, we encourage female researchers to apply.

### **Your responsibilities**

The holder of the position will investigate the role of the media at the intersection of media, the public and migration. The professorship shall strengthen interdisciplinary research on flight and migration within the Faculty of Languages and Literatures and also collaborate with the degree program in Journalism and the Center for Flight and Migration. The holder of the professorship shall engage in the teaching practice in Bachelor's and Master's programs in Journalism as well as in the Master's degree program in Flight, Migration, Society that was launched in the 2019/20 winter semester.

The holder of the position will continue the work on ongoing projects (on topics such as values, norms, the public, migration, responsibility, public welfare) and open up new fields of research that involve media, the public and migration. Possible included topics are: digital transformation of public spheres (also: change in logics of media representation and algorithmic information mechanisms) and their interrelationship with migration issues, the social construct of flight and migration developed by public communication (framing and narrative) as well as patterns of production and usage within a migration society. From a methodical perspective, it is desirable that the candidate demonstrates skills and knowledge in connection with the analysis or modeling of communication processes by using digital behavioral data (e.g. web scraping, automated content analysis, network analyses).

### **Your profile**

Successful candidates should have in-depth knowledge in social science research on (digital) public communication processes and be able to excellently represent both the subject of communication science in all its aspects as well as the area of flight and migration research within the university's teaching and research practice. Furthermore, applicants should have profound knowledge in empirical social research and have prior research experience which should, as a rule, be proven by international peer-reviewed publications and third-party funding. Research interests in one or several areas of flight and migration research are desirable.

The requirements for employment shall be governed by Article 7 Bavarian Law on Academic

Personnel of Higher Education Institutions (*BayHSchPG*) and include a completed university degree in communication studies or a comparable discipline from the field of social sciences, education and teaching qualifications and an exceptional ability to conduct in-depth independent academic research, as generally demonstrated by the exceptional quality of a doctoral degree as well as a habilitation or an academic achievement comparable to a habilitation.

The successful applicant must be no older than 52 years of age at the time of appointment. Exceptions to this rule may be granted in justified cases (see Article 10 para. 3 Bavarian Law on Academic Personnel of Higher Education Institutions (*BayHSchG*)).

The KU pursues a policy of intensive student mentoring and therefore expects its teaching staff to spend an appropriate amount of time on campus. It is assumed that the successful candidate is willing to live in the region.

Furthermore, the successful candidate should have a very good command of the English language and should be able to teach English-language courses.

### **Your application**

Please send your application with the usual supporting documents by e-mail to the Dean's office of the Faculty of Languages and Literatures, [dekanat-slf@ku.de](mailto:dekanat-slf@ku.de), by 01/07/2020 (please combine all documents in one PDF file). If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Dr. Klaus-Dieter Altmeyen, Journalism degree program, phone: +49 8421 9321555; e-mail: [klaus-dieter.altmeyen@ku.de](mailto:klaus-dieter.altmeyen@ku.de). All submitted application documents will be destroyed in accordance with data protection regulations after the hiring process has been completed.

In accordance with Article 10 (4) of the Foundation Charter, the KU takes the Catholic character of the University into consideration when appointing professors. It is therefore interested in receiving applications with relevant information in this regard. The Charter of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt Foundation, which supports the University, is available for download from the website of the KU in German with an English translation at <http://www.ku.de/unsere-ku/traeger-stiftung/>.

The KU is committed to promoting equal opportunities for men and women, and aims to ensure that its members are able to balance work and family life. Candidates with severe disabilities who are equally suitable to other applicants will be prioritized.