The Institute of Communication Studies and Media Research (IfKW) at Ludwig Maximilian University Munich invites outstanding, highly motivated graduates to apply for the following position:

Doctoral Researcher in Visual Communication (f/m)
Monthly stipend of 1400 €, for 2 years, from Fall 2014

The position focuses on the analysis of visual representations of war and violent conflict, conflict management and peace-building in the news media. It addresses the role of images for communicating information about conflict, advancing specific interpretations, and shaping salient, exclusionary or integrative understandings of war and violence. The overall aim is to better understand the role of visuals in the news for shaping people's interpretations of, and stances toward, violent conflicts. The project is financed by the Gerda Henkel Foundation (www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de) through a monthly stipend of 1400€ (tax free; additional income from other activities possible but limited to 5 weekly hours). It is related to the international EU-funded research project INFOCORE (www.infocore.eu), which addresses the different roles that media play in violent conflict. The project will collaborate primarily with the Munich INFOCORE team. Candidates are encouraged to conduct their PhD based on their research within this project.

Suitable applicants should…
- hold a university degree (MA or equivalent) in Communication Science or another social science, or a field of the Humanities directly linked to the study of visual communication; candidates whose degree is not in a social science should be able to document at least some experience in the academic study of social communication (e.g., minors, multiple classes).
- have experience in empirical research, specifically:
  - methodological and theoretical experience in the analysis of visuals as communication (e.g., from empirical research projects, BA- or MA theses)
  - experience in content analysis and other quantitative social science research methods
  - good knowledge of statistical data analysis strategies and techniques
  - additional desirable, but not mandatory qualifications include experience in other qualitative research methods; framing analysis; semiotic analysis
- possess excellent (written and spoken) English communication skills, and at least basic German language skills

The candidate is expected to…
- develop her/his project to link both to existing theoretical frameworks addressing the role of visuals in war and conflict related discourse, and the overall framework of the INFOCORE research project
- develop a specific research design and relevant research tools for analyzing visual contents

- collaborate with the Munich INFOCORE team, and on occasion also the entire, multinational research team, to integrate theories, approaches and results into a common research agenda
- present advances from her/his work at international conferences and publish important results

The department and project consortium provides the candidate with…
- an internationally oriented, excellent research environment augmented by the collaboration with the large, EU funded, innovative, collaborative research project
- collaboration with and supervision by experienced researchers in the social scientific analysis of conflict-related discourse, applying both quantitative and qualitative content analysis
- a budget for research-related travelling (e.g., attending conferences) and other research-related expenses

To apply, suitable candidates should submit the following by email to Prof. Dr. Romy Fröhlich (froehlich@ifkw.lmu.de) and Dr. Christian Baden (baden@ifkw.lmu.de) by 30.06.2014:
- a cover letter briefly explaining the motivation for applying to the position
- a CV, addressing the required skills (above), including academic degrees, publications/conference papers (if any), and any other activities of relevance to the above task (employments, internships, trainings, etc.)
- copies of the relevant academic certificates (scanned)
- a digital copy of the candidate's final thesis, or a paper/publication relevant to the topic

The cover letter, CV, and certificates should be submitted as one joint PDF attachment.

Job interviews are expected to take place in July.

LMU Munich is an equal opportunity employer. The University continues to be very successful in increasing the number of female faculty members and strongly encourages applications from female candidates. LMU Munich intends to enhance the diversity of its faculty members. Furthermore, disabled candidates with essentially equal qualifications will be given preference.

For further information on Prof. Dr. Romy Fröhlich Dr. Christian Baden, the INFOCORE project, the Institute of Communication Studies and Media Research, and LMU Munich, please consult these links:

Prof. Dr. Fröhlich: http://www.ifkw.uni-muenchen.de/lehrbereiche/froehlich/english/index.html
Dr. Baden: http://www.ifkw.uni-muenchen.de/personen/mitarbeiter/baden_christian/index.html
INFOCORE: http://www.infocore.eu
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