

## One Ph.D. Position in Political Science – Call for Applications

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**The Carl Friedrich Lehmann-Haupt International Doctoral School**

### I. Announcement of the Scholarship

The joint project between **Ilia State University Tbilisi (ISU)** and **Georg-August-University of Göttingen (UGOE)** gives Ph.D. students from various scientific fields the opportunity to pursue their doctoral projects within a structured Cotutelle-based framework. The Ph.D. students will undergo supervision and conduct doctoral studies (coursework, seminars, trainings etc.) at ISU in Tbilisi/Georgia and UGOE in Göttingen/Germany (research period at UGOE 12 months in total). The joint doctoral program provides disciplinary and trans-disciplinary skills trainings as well as co-supervision by two professors (one of each university) with excellent expertise in their relevant research fields. Upon successful completion of the doctoral project doctoral degrees from the Georg-August-University of Göttingen (UGOE) and Ilia State University (ISU) can be obtained on the basis of only one single dissertation. **One scholarship** is announced in the discipline **Political Science**. Funding granted by the German **Volkswagen Stiftung** and the **Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia** allows for the allocation of a **full scholarship** (500 Euro per month, maximum until December 2021). Research-related expenses incurred by conference participation and field studies can be covered as well.

### II. Discipline and proposed Research Subjects

**One scholarship** is announced in the discipline **Political Science**.

**The proposed research topics are:**

- Development of parliamentary System(s)
- Origin and Development of political Parties
- Development and Consequences of the Electoral System(s)
- The Concept of Democracy

The supervisors are **Prof. Dr. David Aprasidze (ISU)** and **PD Dr. Alexander Thiele (UGOE)**. The respective Ph.D. program at ISU is the **Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in Social Sciences and Humanities**.

### III. Eligibility Criteria / Prerequisites

To be considered eligible to apply the following criteria has to be met by the applicant:

- Master's degree (preferably in Political Science or related fields) or equivalent academic qualification enabling to doctoral studies in the country, in which the academic degree/qualification was awarded.
- English language proficiency of at least B2 according to the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages* (CEFR) and capability of conducting doctoral studies and thesis writing in English.

- Another Ph.D. project with a research subject corresponding to the chosen topic has not been started yet. Otherwise the Ph.D. project must not last for more than one year before the date of application submission.
- **Full-Time Commitment:** Only candidates who will devote their full time to their Ph.D. project can be accepted. In return for the full scholarship the participants are expected not to seek additional non-academic employment alongside their Ph.D. project.

**In the framework of this Call for Applications, persons with disadvantaged backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply and, in cases of equal qualification, aptitude and expertise, they will be given preferential consideration in selection.**

The Lehmann-Haupt International Doctoral School promotes equal opportunities and inclusion for all participants regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation, religion or ideology, disability and chronic illness, ethnic and social background. The actions aim at facilitating the access to the participants with disadvantaged groups and special needs. ISU and UGOE recognize that faculty, staff, and students need an environment in which they are respected and valued for their contributions in order to work and study effectively. This applies irrespective of their age, (dis)ability, gender, sexual orientation or identity, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, ethnic origin, and religion and belief.

#### IV. Submission of the Application and Deadline

- Applications must be submitted in English. Documents issued in languages other than English can only be recognized if submitted in combination with a notarially certified translation.
- Applications must be submitted by E-Mail to: [doctoralschool@iliauni.edu.ge](mailto:doctoralschool@iliauni.edu.ge) by the end of the application deadline. Please indicate **"Political Science"** in the subject line.
- The application documents (see below under VI.) must be scanned and compiled into one PDF (one e-mail attachment only!). Other file formats will not be accepted.
- The application deadline is **January 31, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Georgian time (GET)**.

**Please note that only complete applications submitted by the end of the application deadline will be considered.**

#### V. Selection Procedure

##### 1. Pre-Selection Phase

Complete applications which meet all formal criteria will be evaluated by the prospective supervisors of both universities. The pre-selection phase is based on the submitted application documents only. All applicants will be informed via e-mail after the pre-selection phase has been completed. Shortlisted candidates will receive an invitation to an interview with the prospective supervisors. Upon receipt of the invitation the candidates must confirm their availability for the personal interview.

## 2. Interviews

The next stage will consist of personal interviews with the applicants shortlisted after the pre-selection. The interviews will be held with the prospective supervisors in person and/or via Skype. The interviews will prospectively take place on February 11, 2019.

## 3. Final Selection

After the interviews the supervisors will eventually chose the participating Ph.D. student. The results will be announced on the ISU website in February 2019.

## 4. Admission

Upon acceptance of the offer by the candidate, the enrolment and admission procedures at ISU will get started\*.

**\*In case foreign (non-Georgian) educational documents have been submitted with the application:**

Please note that the admission to doctoral programs/schools at ISU is subject to the recognition of the relevant academic degree certificates and their supplements (transcripts of records, grading scales etc.) by the National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement (NCEQE) of Georgia! Admission cannot take place if for any reason the certificates and their supplements cannot be recognized by the NCEQE.

## VI. Required Documents

A complete application must consist of the following documents\*:

- Completed and signed Application Form
- Letter of Motivation (max. 2 pages)
- Exposé defining the concept and showing the relevance of the project (10-15 pages)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of a Proof of Identity (ID Card or Passport)
- Copies of relevant Academic Degree Certificates/Diploma and their Supplements (Transcripts of Records, Grading Scales etc.), if issued in languages other than English a notarially certified translation into English is required as well
- If available: Abstracts of relevant Publications
- If available: Valid Proof of English Language Proficiency of at least B2 according to the CEFR. Accepted certificates and scores are: TOEFL (P/BT min. 513 points; I/BT min. 65 points), IELTS (min. 5.5 points), FCE **or** a valid certificate issued by the National Evaluation and Examination Centre Certus which gives evidence of the candidate's English language proficiency of at least B2 **or** a certificate/diploma issued upon the completion of a Bachelor's or a Master's program taught in English.
  - Applicants who cannot present one of the above mentioned certificates have to prove their English language proficiency of at least B2 through a minimum score of 65 out of 100 points obtained in an English exam administered by ISU.
- A List of Publications can be attached optionally.

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