

TENURE-TRACK POSITION
"SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF
DIGITIZATION"



INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

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1. General Information

As one of the founding institutes at the Johannes Kepler University Linz, the Institute of Sociology consists of four departments: the Department of Economics and Organizational Sociology, the Department of Empirical Social Research, the Department for the Theory of Society and Social Analyses, and the Department of Political and Development Research.

Following the appointment of a new professor in the fall of 2019, the Department of Political and Development Research will – change its research focus to “digitization, new media and industrial development”. The main academic focus will be “industrial development”.

The successful candidate will fill an open position at the Department of Empirical Social Research. This academic position will focus on empirically analyzing the impact of digitization on other social areas aside from industrial development (see part 2.0).

Along with sociological theories and methods, the educational focus at the Institute of Sociology includes courses in a number of thematic specializations, specifically in the field of family sociology, health sociology, occupational and economic sociology, migration sociology, development sociology, organizational sociology, political sociology and sociology of deviance. Current research areas at the Institute of Sociology include analyzing diverse globalization processes, Europeanization and economization and their respective social impact on various social areas.

Detailed information is available at: <https://www.jku.at/institut-fuer-soziologie/>

2. Research

The successful candidate will focus on analyzing the social consequences/impacts/implications of digitization, whereby the core focus lies on studying the impact of artificial intelligence, how algorithms and robotics impact human interaction in societies, or their parts/subsystems, such as, for example families, education, health, recreation, new media, politics, etc. Based on empirical findings, the successful candidate is expected to study and analyze the social political and cultural prerequisites required for productive accomplishment, regulating and designing the challenges of digital transformation. In this regard, the successful candidate should undertake a critical analysis of recent sociological diagnosis.

The successful candidate is expected to be actively involved in one of the JKU’s main research areas of “Digitization” as well as work closely with LIT (Linz Institute of Technology, <https://www.jku.at/linz-institute-of-technology/>).

The successful candidate should have the following (research) qualifications:

- A PhD/Doctorate in Sociology, Social Sciences or other thematically relevant academic discipline. If the candidate holds qualifications in a corresponding field (such as Computer Science or Business Informatics), the candidate will be asked to prove an outstanding academic track record of publishing scientific social publications comparable to a dissertation /PhD level in a field of social science.
- An outstanding academic track record and a range of publications from the last five years with a specific focus on the research profile

- Proven experience conducting empirical research projects
- Knowledge of quantitative and qualitative methods
- Experience cooperating with scientists in other scientific/academic fields, specifically engineering and natural sciences, is expected
- Acquiring external funding from international and national funding organizations is expected

3. Teaching

The successful candidate will be required to teach university-level courses in the amount of 8 academic hours per year.

The successful candidate is expected to be actively involved in developing new interdisciplinary teaching programs in the area of 'digital transformation', e.g. to contribute to developing the current draft of the curriculum for 'Digital Society'.

The successful candidate should have the following educational qualifications:

- Teaching experience at renowned universities and/or at other academic institutions

4. Additional Requirements

The following additional qualifications are desired:

- Acquire external research funding
- Highly motivated, ability to work effectively in a team, and strong communication skills
- A strong social skill set

Applicants who have little or no German language skills will be expected to actively learn German and become fluent enough to potentially participate in university committees.

5. Tenure (Qualification) Agreement

The position will be initially limited to a six-year period. The successful candidate will be offered a tenure agreement providing his/her academic performance shows that the required higher qualifications can be attained. If the requirements of the agreement are met, employment, will continue for an indefinite period as a tenured Associate Professor (in accordance with § 99 Sec 5 and 6 of the Austrian Universities Act). Potential promotion to a Full Professorship position is possible in a simplified appointment procedure (in accordance with § 99, Sec 4, Austrian Universities Act).