

Doctoral position in Urban Studies at HCU Hamburg - regional

> focus Mexico (Monika Grubbauer)

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> Dear colleagues,

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> A job opening in Hamburg, maybe of interest to this list: We are

> looking for a researcher (doctoral level) with regional focus on

> Mexico / Latin America to join our team at HafenCity University

> Hamburg. The research associate will conduct research in a DFG-funded

> project on housing microfinance and informal urban development with a

> weekly working time of 29,25h (75% of full position) for a period of

> three years. Deadline for applications is 4 December 2017. Start date

> for the position is February 2018, later dates will be considered.

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> Please see below for details, and feel free to circulate. For

> questions please contact monika.grubbauer@hcu-hamburg.de

> <<mailto:monika.grubbauer@hcu-hamburg.de>>. A German and English version

> of the announcement are also found here:

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> <https://www.hcu-hamburg.de/universitaet/stellenausschreibungen/>

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> Kind regards,

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> Monika Grubbauer

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> *Doctoral reseacher in Urban Studies*

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> In the Department of Urban Planning at the HafenCity Universit?t

> Hamburg the following doctoral position is open, starting with

> 01.02.2018,

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> *Research Associate*

> (Pay group 13 TV-L)

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> for support in a research project funded by the German Science

> Foundation (DFG) with a weekly working time of 29,25h (75% of full

> position) for a period of three years.

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> The research associate will be part of the working group*History and

> Theory of the City* (Prof. Dr. Monika Grubbauer) at HafenCity

> University, Hamburg. The Chair in History and Theory of the City

> explores the historical development of cities and urban societies and

> the related economic, social and cultural processes of urban

> transformation from an interdisciplinary and international perspective.

> Our research interest is in the interdependency and interaction

> between the built environment and social processes in a historical

> perspective and in international contexts.

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> *Tasks*

> The research associate will conduct research in the DFG-funded project:

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> *"Urbanization and finance in developing countries: marketization,

> institutionalization and internationalization of housing microfinance

> in

> Mexico"*

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> The project explores changes in the relation between financial sector and urbanization in the context of Mexico as a developing country. It examines processes of marketization, institutionalization and internationalization of housing microfinance in Mexico. These processes currently result in expanded access to non-mortgage microloans for low-income households for purposes of renovation and remodeling of self-built homes. We ask how these processes evolve and what the potential effects are on self-organized building practices of low-income households. This results in a double focus on the institutions and mechanisms which link financial markets and the informal housing sector as well as on the everyday practices in which financial services are obtained and consumed by low-income households. The project will conduct a series of qualitative case studies of low-income communities located in the Mexico City Metropolitan Area and the coastal zone of the State of Quintana Roo. Against the background of international debates about financialization which a strong focus on US, UK and European cases, the project promises insights in two important ways: First, it potentially allows to combine and contrast theoretical considerations with empirical data from a geographical, economic and cultural context that has until now been largely neglected in the international literature on financialization. Second, it potentially contributes to debates in global urbanism about whether and how concepts derived from European and US experiences can serve in analyzing Latin America.

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> *Offer*

> We offer the possibility of working in a motivated, open and interdisciplinary team and opportunities for personal and scientific qualification. You are encouraged to develop a doctoral thesis within the framework of the project. We actively support you in advancing your academic career and/or non-academic career paths through contacts to international partners and financial support for participation in international conferences and workshops. There is no nationality constraint for applicants.

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> *Requirements*

> We expect the following skills and qualifications:

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> * A degree (M.A. or equivalent) in the field of Urban Studies (Architecture, Planning, Geography, Sociology and similar)
> * Fluent English and Spanish language skills
> * Existing research experience in or familiarity with the region
> * Knowledge of relevant debates in Urban Studies concerning global urbanism, informal urban development and/or financialization

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> The following skills and qualifications are highly desirable:

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> * Existing experience in qualitative research in the social sciences
> * Existing experience and interest for interdisciplinary approaches
> * Familiarity with Mexico and contacts to local partners

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> *Application*

> The HafenCity Universität Hamburg provides a family friendly environment and supports the compatibility of family and career.

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> To ensure equal opportunities, applications by gender minorities and
> persons with immigrant background are explicitly desired. Qualified
> individuals with disabilities will be favored.
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> Presence in Hamburg is required for this position.
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> For further information regarding this position please contact Prof.
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> To apply, please send digitally as one PDF-file (max.10 MB) a detailed
> CV along with a letter of application by *December 4th, 2017* to:
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> your application.
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> Travel and accommodation costs for job interviews cannot be reimbursed
> by the HafenCity Universit?t Hamburg.
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