

The **University of Passau** owes its strong visibility and good reputation to excellent research, innovative teaching and its tight-knit international academic networks. Some 13,000 students and more than 1,100 staff study and work on our University campus, which is located a stone's throw from the historical Old Town of Passau and combines state-of-the-art technical infrastructure with award-winning architecture. Internationally successful high-tech companies and a vibrant start-up scene, coupled with a rich culture and Lower Bavarian traditions, give Passau and the surrounding area a special appeal that makes it a great place to live and work.

The **Faculty of Arts and Humanities at the University of Passau** invites applications for the tenured civil-service post of:

Chair of Media Culture Studies with a focus on Digital Cultures (pay grade W3)

This position is available to start immediately.

You will represent the full spectrum of Media Culture Studies and appurtenant methodologies whilst building on a Cultural Studies foundation. You will be expected to carry out your research and teaching at the intersection of Cultural Studies and Media Studies, giving the appropriate consideration to both theory construction and their specific fields of application. One area of focus should be on Digital Cultures within the context of current media change. We also wish to focus on cultural comparison and on cultural studies in film, television and popular culture. You will be expected to teach courses for all degree programmes that have a modular or curricular Media Culture Studies component, specifically the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts programmes in International Cultural and Business Studies, Media and Communication, European Studies and others. Furthermore, you will be expected to engage in the interdisciplinary networks within the research consortiums of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. Relevant teaching experience is presupposed, as is experience in writing research proposals for externally-funded projects and the implementation of such projects.

Research and teaching at the University of Passau are focused on the guiding themes of Digitalisation, Networked Society and (Internet) Cultures; Europe and Global Transformation; and Migration, Sustainable Development and Just Order. As a forward-looking, internationally visible and attractive university for Europe, the University of Passau seeks to make a significant contribution towards solving Europe's current and future challenges. Members of all faculties are in the process of establishing a unique, internationally-orientated forum for ground-breaking interdisciplinary research on one of the greatest challenges of our time: the societal implications of digitalisation. A willingness to co-operate on this interdisciplinary and cross-faculty project is expected of all future colleagues.

The **Faculty of Arts and Humanities** is characterised by a wide range of geographical, thematic, methodological and academic subjects, as represented by its chairs and professorships. It underlines the regional specificities of inter- and transdisciplinary research

and teaching as well as the inclusion of current social topics in times of transformation, without losing sight of fundamental long-term research. Individual lines of scientific enquiry are bundled under the faculty's guiding theme of 'Society in Digital Transformation', which rests on the three pillars of cultures – values – identities.

The successful applicant will be educated to doctoral level and either possess a formal postdoctoral qualification, such as the German 'Habilitation', or equivalent academic achievements garnered within or outside the higher education system or as part of a prior assistant professor or comparable role (e.g. German 'Juniorprofessur'). He or she will have demonstrated pedagogical aptitude and academic excellence, the latter being generally established on the basis of the quality of his/her doctoral research and subsequent achievements, as applicable. In accordance with art. 10 sec. 3 line 1 of the Bavarian Higher Education Employment Act (BayHSchPG), candidates must not be more than 52 years of age at the time of their appointment.

The University of Passau actively promotes equal opportunities for all genders as well as diversity in the workforce; therefore, applications are welcome from all candidates who fulfil the requisite qualifications, without regard to gender, cultural or social background, religion, world view, disability or sexual identity. As the University of Passau wishes to raise the proportion of women in research and teaching, female academics are expressly encouraged to apply. This post may be available part-time, provided a suitable number of candidates are willing to work on a work-share basis. Furthermore, this post is suitable for those with severe disabilities, who are given preference if their overall personal aptitudes, skills and qualifications are otherwise equal.

To be considered, your application must reach the University by **24 August 2018**. Your full application should include all relevant supporting documents (curriculum vitae, list of publications, teaching assignments, teaching evaluations etc.) and should preferably be sent by e-mail to bewerbung@phil.uni-passau.de, with 'MKW' written in the subject line. It should be addressed to the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Passau, Professor Karsten Fitz, 94030 Passau. When e-mailing your application, all application documents should be attached as *a single pdf file*. E-mailed applications are kept on file for six months after the conclusion of the appointment procedure, whereupon they are deleted from our systems.