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Doctoral Research Positions

The Faculty of Humanities and Theology comprises the Departments of Catholic Theology and Protestant Theology as well as a joint Department of Philosophy and Political Science. There is an interdisciplinary focus on teaching and research in the field of 'Religion and Politics' with special emphasis on philosophical references.

The newly established, DFG funded project "The Ethics of State Mass Surveillance" (Head: Prof. Dr. Peter Königs, Prof. Dr. Christian Neuhäuser, Prof. Dr. Christian Seidel invites applications for two doctoral positions at the Department of Philosophy and Political Science for a period of three years. Employment can begin at the earliest possible date. The remuneration will be according to pay group E 13 TV-L, with 65 % of the regular work time.

The project explores ethical questions surrounding state mass surveillance in liberal societies, focusing on (a) the impact of surveillance on the autonomy of surveilled individuals, (b) its impact on democracy, and (c) the role of technology companies involved in state surveillance. More information at <https://compphil2mmae.github.io/research/esms/>.

We explicitly note that applications of all genders are welcome. Applications from women are favored complying with legal regulation. We also underline that applications of severely disabled persons are welcome.

Please submit your application, including (a) a letter of motivation (1.5 pages max.), (b) a CV, (c) copies of high school and university certificates (if the Master's certificate is not yet available, please include grades from the Master's program), (d) a writing sample (term paper; master thesis) by **15.01.2025** with reference number **w72-24**.

What we offer:

- A top-class research environment with an international network;
- The opportunity for further academic qualification (PhD);
- The opportunity for personal development through close supervision and additional training.

What we expect:

- An excellent Master's degree in Philosophy from a university (by the start date of employment at the latest);
- Excellent command of the English language;
- Ideally, international experience gained through study abroad or an international academic environment;
- Good command of German is desirable but not required.

Your responsibilities:

- Contribute to the project through research-related activities, including participating in and hosting workshops, public scientific events, and online seminars;
- Produce internationally visible, high-quality publications;
- Present work at international conferences and workshops.

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