



University of Bamberg  
Chair of Methods of Empirical Social Research  
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The Chair of Methods of Empirical Social Research at the University of Bamberg  
invites applications for the following positions:

## 2 PhD research positions in the ERC project SECCOPA

This is a European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant project titled "The socio-economic consequences of temporary employment: A comparative panel data analysis" (SECCOPA) headed by Prof. Dr. Michael Gebel. The funding period is 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2023 (5 years).

Temporary employment has become widespread in industrialized nations and many concerns have been raised about this development. Against this background, the SECCOPA project will provide new insights into the multi-faceted socio-economic consequences of temporary work, such as effects on the work career, risks of income poverty and material deprivation, and subjective well-being. Temporary work will be compared to the alternatives of permanent work and unemployment in a dynamic process and life course perspective. Comparative panel data from Europe (EU-SILC) and national individual and household level panel data from Australia, Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland, South Korea and Japan will be investigated. Techniques of modern causal analysis based on panel data will be applied. Next to the moderating role of the household context the moderating role of the structural and institutional macro context will be investigated in a multilevel design. For further information about the SECCOPA project and the principal investigator, visit

<https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/empsoz/research/seccopa-project/>  
and <https://sites.google.com/site/profdrmichaelgebel/>.

### The position and what is offered

- + The PhD research position is initially for 3 years with a possible extension of up to 2 years (rules on fixed-term contracts of the German Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz apply)
- + Starting date: preferably 1 April 2018
- + Remuneration is based on Grade E13 TV-L (65% working time) of the German Public Salary Scale (starting salary approximately 29,800 Euro per year before taxes, salary increases with work experience according to the regulations of the public salary scale)
- + Joining an innovative research project that is funded in the prestigious ERC grant scheme
- + Profiting from a vibrant internationally oriented research environment at the Chair of Methods
- + Becoming an associate member of the Bamberg Graduates School of Social Sciences (BAGSS) and having access to workshops and further training in methods
- + Funding is available to attend international conferences, workshops, summer schools, and for research visits at institutions in the project countries
- + No teaching obligations (but if desired, teaching opportunities can be offered in addition)

### **Your tasks**

- Supporting the advancement of the theoretical and conceptual framework
- Descriptive research on the structural and institutional national contexts of the countries of interests
- Preparation of individual- and household-level national panel data and theory-driven descriptive and causal analyses following the project tasks
- Write a doctoral dissertation and publish in peer-reviewed journals
- Supporting the ERC grant holder in administrative tasks of the project
- Dissemination activities and social media outreach

### **Qualifications and requirements**

- ✓ Master degree in sociology, economics, psychology and political science or a related social science discipline (should be obtained before the start of the project)
- ✓ Strong interest and/or experiences in one or more of the following fields: life course, social inequality/stratification, labor market, well-being, poverty, international comparative and/or social policy research
- ✓ Strong methodological skills in quantitative data analysis, preferably experiences in panel data analysis and/or multilevel analysis of comparative micro data
- ✓ Strong interest in international comparative research using EU-SILC and national panel data from Australia, Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland, South Korea and Japan (expertise on one or more of the countries is especially honored)
- ✓ Very good command of spoken and written English; German language skills are not required
- ✓ Ability to organize yourself efficiently and work collegially in an internationally oriented team

**The University of Bamberg aims to increase the share of women in research and teaching and, therefore, explicitly encourages applications from women. Where candidates are otherwise equally qualified, preference will be given to candidates with disabilities. The University of Bamberg has been certified by the Hertie Foundation as a family-friendly university and is committed to creating a balance between work and family life. As an international research institution, the University of Bamberg particularly welcomes applications from abroad.**

### **Your application**

Please send your application (a motivation letter, CV, copy of your master degree including a transcript of records and one work sample where you use quantitative methods (e.g. MA thesis, seminar paper, working paper, journal article or book chapter) in one PDF document to [sekretariat.empsoz@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:sekretariat.empsoz@uni-bamberg.de). Use the subject heading “*SECCOPA PhD Research Position*”.

**Deadline: 15 February 2018, 12:00 noon CET.**

### **Information**

If you have any further enquiries about the positions, please do not hesitate to contact Prof. Dr. Michael Gebel at [michael.gebel@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:michael.gebel@uni-bamberg.de)