PhD Program between the Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) and the China Scholarship Council (CSC)

Open PhD Position at Freie Universität Berlin, offered only to Chinese CSC scholarship candidates 2020

Please Note: this PhD position is only offered to Chinese PhD candidates for the application in the framework of the FUB-CSC PhD Program.

Department/Institute: History and Cultural Studies, GEAS
Subject area: East Asian Studies, Social Sciences
Name of Supervisor: Verena Blechinger-Talcott
Number of open PhD positions: 2
Type of the PhD Study: Full or Sandwich Type
Project title: Graduate School of East Asian Studies

PhD Project description:

The research program of GEAS is a three-year structured program, based on the systematic and comparative study of East Asia (China, Japan, or Korea) in its wider global context. GEAS focuses on institutions: rules, norms, and practices, both those that are globally general and regionally specific. The research program aims at developing a theoretically informed and empirically grounded understanding of the origins, effects, and interdependence of institutions in East Asia, both contemporary and historical. The research approach combines regional expertise with a strong social science focus in a relevant discipline. The research program is organized in relation to three interconnected lenses: the origins and change of institutions in East Asia, the effects of institutions and the consequences of institutional diversity, and the interdependence of East Asia in the broader regional and global context. Disciplines supervised are East Asian Studies, History, Law, Political Sciences, Business and Economics, Anthropology and Cultural Studies.

Language requirements:

- IELTS: 6,5 oder TOEFL: 95 ibt
Academic requirements:

Successful applicants will have an excellent Masters or equivalent degree (M.A. or German Magister with a grade of “very good” (A-) or better) in an East Asian Studies field or in a social science or humanities discipline with a focus on East Asia. These disciplines include: Japanese Studies, Chinese Studies, Korean Studies and/or Political Science, International Relations, Law, Social and Cultural Anthropology, Business and Economics, History, Cultural Studies, Theatre Studies. For exceptionally talented B.A. students, FU Berlin offers the possibility of a “fast track” admission to PhD programs. To qualify for this program, B.A. students need to provide evidence of an exceptional academic record during the B.A. program with an A grade point average, two letters of recommendation from well-known scholars, and successful completion of an entrance exam as required by the statute for PhD programs at FU Berlin.

In the application process, applicants must provide academic transcripts or other evidence of completion of regular coursework, a statement of academic interest, and two letters of recommendation. For all applicants, evidence of linguistic competence related to East Asia is required.

The ideal candidate will already have spent a significant period of time, most likely six months to one year, in Korea, Japan, or China for language training and will have a high level of communicative and reading skills in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean as well as cultural competence. Applicants will be required to provide evidence of language skills in at least one East Asian language at the level B2 or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) as well at the level C1 or higher in English. Language skills in East Asian Languages may also be documented through certificates of the relevant East Asian language tests (Chinese Proficiency Test Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi, HSK, Japanese Language Proficiency Test, JLPT, or Test of Proficiency in Korean, TOPIK).

Information of the professor or research group leader (website, awards etc.):

http://www.geas.fu-berlin.de/people/faculty/index.html

Please Note: In a first step, the complete application should be submitted to csc@international.fu-berlin.de for evaluation by January 4th, 2020. Please do not contact the professor before. He/she will get in contact with you after having received the complete application via the Beijing Office in January.