

Seeking an Intern from the MA Social Policy or MA Political Science Program

Topic: The Development of Social Policy in Germany since 1980

Our German Science Foundation funded project, "[The Reciprocal Relationship of Public Opinion and Social Policy](#)" is seeking to hire an intern to start this summer. The intern will pursue one of the following research goals:

- 1) **Qualitative text analysis of German Parliamentary Actions.** Learning and performing qualitative text analysis using the R programming language. Specifically, to analyze Bundestag Drucksachen (German parliament activities) since 1980. A desire to learn and use R on a daily basis and fluency in German is necessary.
- 2) **Investigate all Social Policy reforms in Germany since 1980.** Help with the identification of all social policy reforms in Germany since 1980. This would include compilation of a list and short report on each policy. A desire to read literature on social policy in Germany and look into parliamentary discussions is necessary. Fluency in German is helpful but not required.

The intern would work to fulfill her or his required internship as part of the social policy or political science MA program. The work would be mostly remote until the pandemic is less of a risk, at which point they would be able to work at the SOCIUM center. The work will involve weekly interactions with the three project researchers, but the ideal candidate should be motivated and willing to work alone for portions of the week. The working language of the project is English. The work would benefit the project's goals but also serve to develop the research and writing skills of the intern. Any work that significantly contributes to scientific publications or reports would include the intern as a co-author, and should help qualify the intern for a career in policy research, policymaking or social research more generally.

If you are interested in working us, please contact Nate Breznau the Principal Investigator at nbreznau@uni-bremen.de.