



Three-Year Ph.D. Position (f/m/d) in Geography (TV-L 13, 65 %)

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The working group North America & Urban Geography at Heidelberg University's Geography Department is looking for a PhD candidate who is interested in the urban dimension of authority and trust especially in North American cities. Inquiries into the ways in which people of different ethnic and social backgrounds employ authority, trust, identity, and power in urban spaces open up numerous new research questions. Research topics may include but are not limited to the tensions between institutional power and everyday life in American cities, between sustainability discourses and social issues, between profound social and economic changes, as well as topics related to migration, mobilities, inequalities and the discursive re-structuring of urban space.

The PhD position is embedded in the interdisciplinary Research Training Group (Graduiertenkolleg) on Authority and Trust in American Culture, Society, History, and Politics (GKAT) at the Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA) which offers a stimulating interdisciplinary and international research environment, generous travel grants for extensive field work in North America, collaborative networks of European and North American scholars, individualized mentoring, and a qualification program tailored to academic as well as professional career paths.

What you should bring:

- An innovative and feasible dissertation project within the thematic focus of urban dimensions of trust
- An excellent master's degree or equivalent
- A high personal motivation for scholarly work and research
- An interest in and readiness to engage in interdisciplinary cooperation
- Fluency in English

Interested candidates are invited to send their application documents (motivation letter, possible dissertation project, CV, certificates) to Prof. Ulrike Gerhard (u.gerhard@uni-heidelberg.de) until May 1, 2023. Further information on our research group in Geography (<https://www.geog.uni-heidelberg.de/hca/index.html>) and the HCA (<https://www.hca.uni-heidelberg.de/gkat/index.html>) can be retrieved on our related webpages.