

The Faculty of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Urban Planning at the **Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg (BTU)** and the **Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS)** in accordance with the “Jülich Model” are announcing

the joint reappointment of the position as

**Professor (W3) of  
Spatial Transformation and Social Research**  
with a research oriented focus

and

**Director of  
Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS), Erkner**

starting October 1, 2018.

IRS in Erkner conducts research on the development, transformation and governance of cities, towns and regions in a national and international setting as well as from social-scientific perspectives. The specific research focus and the academic expertise of the future incumbent arise from the statutory purposes of the IRS as well as from recommendations resulting from the external evaluation of the IRS.

The relevant and profile-building area of research “Smart Regions and Heritage” at the BTU focuses on practical processes of structural change that - in the context of transformations of cities and regions and the rural-urban-nexus respectively (e.g. smart region) - require integrated strategies as well as innovative concepts.

Teaching activity (teaching duties: 2 hours per semester) within the interdisciplinary faculty encompasses particularly courses in the degree programs of Urban and Regional Planning as well as international study programs (World Heritage Studies, Heritage Conservation, Site Management, etc.) and Graduate Schools. It is expected and encouraged that the future post-holder is strongly motivated to cooperate with other fields of research and faculties.

We are looking for applicants who

- Have an outstanding scientific aptitude in one or more of the following fields of research: planning studies, research on society and space, urban and regional sociology, governance research, human geography and applied or cultural geography, regional studies on innovation and culture, or urban and regional economics;
- Excellent scientific reputation, preferably on an international level, with a high degree of integration into regional and national networks;
- Experience in management with excellent competences in research management and interdisciplinary competencies;
- Several years of experience in personnel-management and leadership;
- Proven competences in raising third-party funds and project management;
- Proven expertise in collaborative research.

The appointment of the Director of the IRS is contingent upon the above-mentioned criteria as well as the employment requirements according to German law i.e. §§ 41 Abs. 1 Nr. 1 - 4a and 43 Brandenburgisches Hochschulgesetz (Higher Education Act of the State of Brandenburg - BbgHG) and the general legal prerequisites, and especially includes

- Teaching experience with broad professional competence;
- Excellent German and English language skills;
- High social and communicative competence.

The appointment as Director of the IRS is a five-year tenure; a reappointment is possible and principally intended.

For further information, please inquire with Prof. Dr.-Ing. Silke Weidner (Phone: 0355 / 69 3351 / E-Mail: [weidner@b-tu.de](mailto:weidner@b-tu.de)) regarding the BTU or Prof. Dr. Gabriela Christmann (Phone: 03362 / 793-270 / E-Mail: [gabriela.christmann@leibniz-irs.de](mailto:gabriela.christmann@leibniz-irs.de)) regarding the IRS.

Further duties may be assigned following § 42 of the BbgHG in conjunction with § 3 BbgHG.

Lectures and courses are also to be held in English language. We expect the candidate to have experience with applications for third-party funding as well as familiarity in conducting third-party funded projects. The research topics should be relevant to the German Research Foundation (DFG) or similar international funding organizations.

BTU and IRS strive to increase the percentage of women in research and teaching and therefore encourage applications by female applicants. As a family-oriented university, BTU offers family-friendly possibilities for couples in the framework of its Dual Career Service.

Equally qualified applicants with disabilities will be given preferential consideration.

Your application should consist of copies of your diplomas and other proofs of your qualifications, curriculum vitae, list of publications, records of teaching credentials along with a short and concise description of your visions for this management position.

Please submit all requested documents in a single PDF format file of 7 MB maximum size by {DATE} and email to: [fakultaet6+bewerbungen@b-tu.de](mailto:fakultaet6+bewerbungen@b-tu.de)

Please address your application to: **14.12.2017**

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