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## Job Position

### Student assistant

### **Further development of a communication platform within the framework of the project: Digital Publics and Social Transformation in the Maghreb**

The research project focuses on media practices in Morocco and analyzes the emergence of new publics and forms of cooperation within the ongoing social transformation processes of North Africa. The project analyses the conditions for civil society cooperation in situations of change and aims to contribute both theoretically and practically to the differentiation of the concept of publicness as well as to the reflection of media-historical concepts of modernization.

The interdisciplinary connection of socio-informatics and social anthropology zooms in on the potential of digital media practices to create new possibilities for action, to generate consensus and dissent, and to mobilize new forms of publicness in this process. Based on the investigation of these processes in situ, the project aims to design, implement and evaluate socio-technical (infra-) structures.

Within the framework of the research project, several projects will be realized in the coming months. The focus is first on the implementation of a digital multimedia archive, which will be developed for the special target group in the High Atlas. Existing concepts will be evaluated together (as a project team) and compared with the local requirements on a social as well as on a technical level. Together with local actors on site, possible archiving concepts will then be developed, implemented, and evaluated in a participatory manner.

Another project that was developed in the past is a communication platform, which is currently not fully functional. The current status would have to be recorded and measures developed so that the platform is accessible again and can be used by participants.

We therefore have a temporary position for a student assistant in programming (WHB or SHK). We are aiming for continued employment. We are looking for students of computer science, business informatics and human computer interaction.

#### **What you should bring along:**

- Advanced programming knowledge in theory and practice, experience with the development of web applications (especially PHP, JavaScript; server programming)

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- Confident knowledge of English (further knowledge of one of the following languages is desirable: Arabic (Syriac or Moroccan), Spanish, or French).
- High degree of self-responsibility (independence, conscientiousness, reliability)
- Ability for interdisciplinarity and networked thinking
- High motivation and willingness to work in a team
- Interest in academic work

**What awaits you with us:**

- Contract as research assistant (WHB) or student assistant (SHK) with 8h/week
- Active involvement in shaping opportunities in a highly relevant subject area
- Practical work in a study project that is unique in Germany
- the possibility of locating final theses in the project context

**Please send applications (incl. short CV and work samples (if available)) by e-mail to:**

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**Deadline for application is May 31, 2021.**

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