

PhD Position Urban Sociology (0.65 of full-time equivalent; 3 years)

The purpose of the advertised position in the field of Urban Sociology and Sociology of Space is to develop an original research contribution to the sociology of critical infrastructures in cities and the understanding of the complex interrelationship between society, urban spaces and critical infrastructures. Potential research areas for a sociological PhD project are the criticality of infrastructures in the context of war, death, and violence, social inequalities in the maintenance of critical infrastructures in crises such as the Corona lockdown (e.g., delivery services), the role of infrastructures in tourism or the transformation of critical infrastructures in the context of their musealization/eventization. However, other proposals on sociologically relevant topics in the study of the urban and spatial dynamics of infrastructures are also welcome.

We expect applicants to have an above-average university degree in the social sciences (diploma, master's degree, or equivalent) with a demonstrable focus on urban sociology, sociology of spaces, or the sociology of infrastructures. Furthermore, very good knowledge of qualitative methods of empirical social research is required. International orientation and previous knowledge of the topic area of the doctorate are desirable. The doctoral thesis will be written in English or German. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to conduct her/his PhD within a joint doctorate program between TU Darmstadt (professor Sybille Frank) and Utrecht University (professor Jochen Monstadt). Before submitting your application, please contact professor [Sybille Frank](#), TU Darmstadt, for advice on possible PhD topics and research designs.