Goethe University Frankfurt am Main invites applications for the position of

Professor (W2) of Modern Judaism and Israel Studies

in the Institute of Judaic Studies at the Faculty of Linguistics, Cultures, and Arts. This civil servant or public employee position will start as soon as possible.

Professorship Profile

The position is based at the department for Judaic Studies and represents Israel Studies as part of Jewish Studies. Within Israel Studies, a focus on history, culture / literature, religion, or anthropology is expected. The successful candidate will participate in teaching in the Jewish Studies degree programs. They will be responsible for the teaching of both Israel and modern Diaspora Judaism within Jewish Studies, and will align their instruction with both Jewish Studies students and an interdisciplinary audience, with a bridge to Islamic Studies being welcome.

The position is directly connected to the LOEWE Center "Dynamics of Religion: Ambivalent Neighborhoods between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in Historical and Contemporary Configurations," funded by the HMWK, and is expected to contribute actively to its research through an independent subproject, and if possible, also in teaching.

Your Profile

You have extensive research experience in the field of the history and culture of the State of Israel and Israeli society, set against the backdrop of broad expertise in modern Judaism. We expect a research focus that includes, among other things, religious and interreligious aspects of Israeli society and culture (e.g., religious-cultural neighborly relations, religious pluralism in Israeli society, Jewish-Muslim relations, and the tension between religious and secular spheres of society), possibly also extending to religious, cultural, and political neighborly relations in the context of the Middle East. We expect a willingness to actively contribute to the expansion of the LOEWE Center's research field, including through independent third-party funding initiatives or participation in collaborative projects. International experience is required, as is a readiness to engage in interdisciplinary and collaborative research. Teaching experience and experience in securing third-party funding are desirable. Knowledge of German is advantageous; teaching must be conducted in German after two years at the latest.

Requirements for Appointment

The employment requirements as defined in § 68 of HessHG apply. Among other things, this includes proof of aptitude for academic work (e.g., a doctorate), additional academic achievements (e.g., a habilitation or equivalent), and the subject-specific requirements listed under "Your profile" that are necessary for fulfilling the duties of the professorship.

Your Application

Goethe University is committed to equal opportunity, family friendliness, and diversity. To strengthen the diversity of perspectives and lived experiences within the university, applications from individuals with a migration background and from members of other groups that have so far been underrepresented are particularly welcome. Applicants with a severe disability, or those legally equivalent, will be given preferential consideration in cases of equal suitability. If women are underrepresented in a faculty or administrative unit, they will be given preferential consideration in cases of equal qualifications.

To apply, please submit a CV, a list of publications, an overview of your research and teaching activities as well as transcripts and a selection of recent course evaluations online at https://berufungsportal.uni-frankfurt.de by **25 November 2026**. If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Hollender at hollender@em.uni-frankfurt.de. Further information about the appointment process, the legal framework and data protection: www.professorship-vacancies.uni-frankfurt.de.

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