In the Department of Humanities and Cultural Studies, Institute of Philosophy – Theoretical Philosophy (Prof. Dr. Dr. Kristian Köchy), the following position (position number/Kennziffer: 31901) is to be filled by March 1, 2019:

**Research assistant ("wiss. Mitarbeiter/in", pay grade EG 13 TV-H), fixed-term, part-time** (currently 26 hours per week)

This is a part-time position with 65% of the working hours of a full-time employee. It is a fixed term position for initially 24 months in the research project “Forms of Practice, Forms of Knowledge – Method, Notation and the Dynamics of Perspectives in the Life Sciences” (PI Dr. Robert Meunier), funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) (§ 2 Abs. 2 WissZeitVG). The position offers the possibility to complete a PhD.

The project aims at developing a model of scientific practice in the life sciences that facilitates an understanding of how different forms of research activities generate different forms of scientific knowledge. Based on such a model, scientific change will be reconstructed in terms of complex dynamic relations between research fields. Case studies from developmental biology, evolutionary biology and ecology will be studied (a detailed description of the project is found here: [https://www.uni-kassel.de/fb02/en/institute/philosophie/schwerpunkte-projekte/integrative-biophilosophie/epistemologie-der-biowissenschaften.html](https://www.uni-kassel.de/fb02/en/institute/philosophie/schwerpunkte-projekte/integrative-biophilosophie/epistemologie-der-biowissenschaften.html)).

**Tasks:**

Developing a subproject in the framework of the above-mentioned research project. Assistance in planning and realization of activities in the context of the project (conferences, online representation etc.) and minor administrative tasks. Teaching is not required, but possible by additional appointment if desired. The position offers the possibility for further academic qualification; in particular, the successful candidate may choose to complete a PhD.

**Requirements:**

University degree in philosophy, history of science or science and technology studies and the desire to complete a PhD degree in philosophy. The candidate is expected to show the ability to work in a team and interest in interdisciplinary collaboration. Demonstrable interest in questions of philosophy of science, history or philosophy of the life sciences, or sociological approaches to the sciences is desirable. Experience with the organization of academic activities or the maintainance of websites are advantageous.

In addition to the usual documents (cover letter, max. 1 page; CV; copies of MA certificate – in case a certificate is not yet available, please provide the contact details of your supervisor), please also send a one-page summary of your master thesis.

For further information please contact Dr. Robert Meunier (robert.meunier@uni-kassel.de)

The protection of your personal data is very important to us, so we will handle your personal data with care. When you submit your application, you allow us to store and use your data in the sense of the Hessian Data Protection Act. Your personal data will be deleted on request.

Application due: 28 December 2018

The University of Kassel is an equal opportunity employer and aims at increasing the proportion of women in research and teaching. Qualified women are therefore expressly invited to apply. In case of equal qualification, applicants with severe disabilities will be given preferential consideration. Please send copies only, as documents cannot be returned and will be destroyed according to data protection regulations. Applications indicating the position number (Kennziffer) should be sent to the President of the University of Kassel, 34109 Kassel, Germany, or, in electronic form, to bewerbungen@uni-kassel.de.

The official announcement is found here: