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<https://bit.ly/2Wx9G6Z> ) \*\*\*

**Faculty:** Humanities  
**Department:** Philosophy  
**Seminar/Institute:** Philosophy

The University of Hamburg will have a position open for a

**research associate** (wissenschaftliche/r Mitarbeiter/in)

with a starting date of August 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. (A later starting date can be negotiated if there are strong reasons.)

### Terms and Conditions

- a) The position is for a **fixed term of three** years. The fixed-term nature of the contract is based upon Section 2 of the academic fixed-term labor contract act (Gesetz über befristete Arbeitsverträge in der Wissenschaft, WissZeitVG).
- b) The salary scale is 13 TV-L.
- c) **Informal note:** The salary before taxes and deductions varies from roughly 30.000€ to 33.000€ per year, depending on working experience. The salary increases during the time of employment. The initial salary for an unmarried person without prior working experience, after taxes and deductions, is roughly 19.400€ per year. Some information on the TV-L salary groups can be found at <http://oeffentlicher-dienst.info/tv-l/west/>.
- d) The position calls for 65% of the standard 39 work hours per week.
- e) The University aims to increase the number of women in research and teaching and explicitly encourages women to apply. Equally qualified female applicants will receive preference in accordance with the Hamburg act on gender equality (Hamburgisches Gleichstellungsgesetz, HmbGleiG).

### Responsibilities

The successful applicant will conduct independent research on the topics of the project, which should lead to the completion of a PhD thesis during the timeframe of the position. They will participate in regular research events and take on administrative duties such as the organization of workshops and conferences. Given the collaborative nature of the research setting, the successful applicant is expected to work together with other project members to ensure that the project's goals are achieved.

More information about the project can be found at the project's website:  
<https://relevanceproject.wordpress.com>

There are no teaching requirements.

### Requirements

A university degree in a relevant subject. The successful applicant is expected to have their master's degree by the time they take up their position. S/he should have previous knowledge appropriate to the topics of the project, including competence in logic, epistemology, philosophy of science and/or metaphysics, documented by the applicant's master thesis.

Candidates must have excellent research skills commensurate with their career stage. Applications will benefit if they evidence that the candidate has

- the ability to carry out independent research resulting in publishable papers
- experience of giving research presentations
- excellent organizational skills
- the willingness and ability to work in a collaborative research environment
- excellent interpersonal and communication skills

Mastery of the German language is not required. Mastery of the English language is required.

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Qualified disabled candidates or applicants with equivalent status receive preference in the application process.

### **How to Apply**

Applications should include

- a covering letter
- a curriculum vitae
- a research proposal (1-3 pages)
- a sample of written work (this may be the MA thesis or a term paper, for example)
- copies of degree certificate(s)

The application deadline is 17 May 2019. Job interviews will take place during the week starting 3 June. Interviews will be conducted via Skype. Please send applications to: [hamburgrelevance.applications@gmail.com](mailto:hamburgrelevance.applications@gmail.com). Please avoid generic file names like “CV.pdf” in favour of concise and informative file names like “CV (Smith).pdf”.

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