

## ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT INSTITUTE FOR INTERNET AND SOCIETY INTERNET POLICY & GOVERNANCE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

### Student Assistant

(60 hrs./month, limited to 1 year)

The Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (HIIG) seeks applications from undergraduate and graduate students interested in working as a Student Assistant within the research area of Internet Policy & Governance. Expected starting date is June 1, 2012. The paid position averages about 60 hours/month and is limited to one year.

The research area Internet Policy & Governance looks at public and private forms of ordering processes. We are especially interested in the interplay of socio-cultural, technical and legal norms shaping the development of the Internet. The research program aims to extend the debates about Internet regulation by a genuine social science approach, embedding the analysis of modes of coordination, emergent publics and networks into socio-technical contexts by means of science and technology studies (STS). For more specific information about the Institute and the research area, please visit our website <http://www.hiig.de/en/research/internet-policy-governance/>.

### Responsibilities & Duties

In this suite of projects you will work on topics concerned with intellectual property and knowledge allocation, the informatization of urban spaces, network infrastructures and freedom of expression. We are looking for an undergraduate or graduate who will support the Policy & Governance staff collaboratively and independently in the research process. This includes background researches and literature reviews, communicating and partnering with the staff and fellows across the Institute as well as with external partners, assisting the editorial staff on the planned online platform "Regulation Watch", and supporting the management of conferences and events.

### Qualifications

- Undergraduates or graduates in social or cultural studies (especially political science, communication studies, sociology), at least third Semester.
- Strong interest in current developments in online communication, regulation and network infrastructure.
- Proficient in using online platforms, and experience with research tools and databases.
- Basics of relevant scientific literature and concepts (e.g. internet governance, regulation of information goods, science and technology studies, sociology, online communities) as well as policy debates are desirable.
- Good knowledge of English and German
- Conditions of Employment

You will support a small, highly dedicated team with flat hierarchies in contributing to the research area Internet Policy & Governance. You will be deeply and substantively involved in the planning and implementation of our research projects and efforts. Working within an international academic environment will foster a steep learning curve. Within the average work of 60 hours per month, working hours can be spread flexibly. The payment is based on the Berlin agreement for student assistants (TV Stud II). The job is intended for one year (an extension is desirable). Applicants with disabilities will be considered with special attention in case of equal suitability, qualifications and ability.

Please direct your application to [application@hiig.de](mailto:application@hiig.de). The application should contain your CV and any relevant publications, blog posts, or a web site you may have. Application review will begin May 15, 2012 and the search will remain open until the position is filled. You are welcome to direct your questions to Christian Katzenbach ([katzenbach@hiig.de](mailto:katzenbach@hiig.de)).

The Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (HIIG) is founded by the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, the University of Arts Berlin as well as by the Social Science Research Centre Berlin (WZB) in alliance with the Hans-Bredow Institute Hamburg (HBI) as an integrated co-operation partner. The overall goal of the Institute is to understand the dynamic interdependence between society and the Internet and thus, offering the opportunity to shape the digital, networked future open to everyone.

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