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The University of Bayreuth is a research-oriented university with internationally competitive, interdisciplinary focus areas in research and teaching. The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, in conjunction with the "Africa Multiple" Cluster of Excellence, is currently seeking to appoint a

Full Professor of Epistemologies of the Global South with an Emphasis on Africa

at pay grade W3 (minimum salary per month: 6,683 €) to commence on 1 October 2019. This is a permanent civil service position. Additional salary components will be negotiated separately.

Applicants need to have a distinguished track record in the study of African epistemologies. The position will complement existing strengths in African studies and will play a central role in the intellectual agenda of the "Africa Multiple" Cluster of Excellence, which is designed to break new ground in theory and method in African studies. We are seeking to recruit a scholar whose work engages with the epistemological premises and theoretical approaches in the study of Africa and, more broadly, the Global South. We are especially interested in approaches that view knowledge production and knowledge practices as ongoing processes and highlight their articulation and transformation in specific historical, political, and cultural settings. The position will cover a transdisciplinary field that comprises different modes of knowledge production in and about Africa and African diasporas. These may include a focus on debates on "indigenous knowledges" or the decolonization of knowledge, and approaches informed by sociology of knowledge, postcolonial studies, posthuman studies and/or gender and queer studies. Applicants may have a background in philosophy, history, the study of religion, literary or media studies, anthropology, cultural studies, science & technology studies, or the social sciences.

The successful candidate will cover the field of African epistemologies in teaching and research. He or she is expected to create synergies with one of the relevant disciplinary units in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (anthropology, history, philosophy, study of religion, sociology) and may be offered membership in the Faculty of Languages and Literatures; in the latter case, he or she may join one of the disciplinary units there. He or she will engage in collaborative interdisciplinary research projects and actively contribute to advancing the research agenda of the "Africa Multiple" Cluster of Excellence. Candidates who have received a substantial part of their academic qualification in Africa are welcome to apply.

The successful candidate will teach courses in the bachelor's and master's programmes relating to African studies and in the Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies. He or she will also contribute to the curriculum of one of the disciplinary units within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (or in the Faculty of Languages and Literatures) and may offer courses relevant for the curriculum in other faculties. Willingness to procure external funding and to be actively involved in the bodies of academic self-administration is expected.

Prerequisites for this position (according to *BayHSchPG* Article 7 and Article 10 para 3) are a university degree, a doctoral degree, proven excellence in teaching, and a post-doctoral qualification to teach at a professorial level (*Habilitation*). Alternatively, evidence of equivalent scholarly achievement (for example as a junior professor, or in a non-university environment) will also be considered. A further requisite is the ability to teach in English. The successful candidate is expected to acquire a working knowledge of German within three years. Only applicants who are 51 years of age or younger can be hired as civil servants (Article 10 para 3 *BayHSchPG*).

The University of Bayreuth seeks to increase the proportion of women involved in research and teaching (in accordance with Article 4 para 2 sentence 1 *BayHSchPG*) and therefore particularly welcomes female applicants. All qualifications being equal, severely disabled applicants will be given priority. The University of Bayreuth strives to further increase the diversity of its academic staff. For this reason, scholars who can help make the research and teaching profile of the university more diverse are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants with children are highly welcome. The University of Bayreuth is a member of the best practice club Family at University, and it offers "dual career support" for career-oriented partners of highly qualified employees. In addition, an extended audit conducted by the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) returned a favourable review for the University of Bayreuth's commitment to internationalization.

Please send your cover letter and supporting documents (CV outlining education and academic career, list of publications, list of courses taught, a description of your research, as well as copies of all diplomas and certificates) to the Dean of the Faculty Humanities & Social Sciences, University of Bayreuth, 95440 Bayreuth, by **5 May 2019**. Application documents cannot be returned to the applicant, and if unsuccessful, the files will be permanently disposed of in accordance with data protection law. Please also submit an identical copy of your application as a single PDF file (up to 30 MB) to dekanat.kuwi@uni-bayreuth.de.