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The Europa-Universität Viadrina is located in the twin city of Frankfurt (Oder)–Śluby, on both the German and Polish sides of the Oder River. It educates around 4,000 students from all over the world in degree programmes in law, economics, and cultural studies. The university embodies the European idea in everyday life, promotes European integration in teaching, research, and knowledge transfer, and forms a community of approximately 300 academic and 300 non-academic staff committed to successful communication and cooperation with Eastern Europe.

At its Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences, a

### **W3 Professorship in Comparative Politics, with a special focus on East-Central and Eastern Europe**

is to be filled as of 1 April 2027.

The professorship represents the field of Comparative Politics in both research and teaching in its full breadth. This includes the study of political regimes, political institutions, political competition, and the formation of political will. A particular focus lies on the analysis of political conflicts in democratic, hybrid, and autocratic systems in East-Central and Eastern Europe. The professorship also incorporates perspectives and insights from cultural studies.

The successful candidate will have the following qualifications:

- an outstanding research profile covering multiple subfields of Comparative Politics,
- proven theoretical and empirical expertise regarding political challenges in East-Central and Eastern Europe (e.g. right-wing populism, volatile party systems, conflict dynamics of illiberal policies in areas, such as gender, migration, or the rule of law),
- excellent command of contemporary political science research methods,
- demonstrated experience in teaching in English at the university level,
- experience in successfully acquiring third-party funding.

The following is non-essential, but considered an advantage:

- the ability to connect with cultural studies research of the Faculty,
- participation in joint research themes of the Faculty of Cultural Sciences, such as migration, media cultures, critical sustainability studies, or European studies,
- gender and diversity competence in research and teaching,
- willingness to engage in on-site presence and knowledge transfer activities in Frankfurt (Oder) and the surrounding region.

The successful candidate will teach in both English and German. Very good German language skills are expected.

The position is open to scholars who meet the requirements of § 43 of the Brandenburg Higher Education Act (BbgHG). The professorship is permanent.

The Europa-Universität Viadrina Foundation is actively committed to diversity and equal opportunities for all employees, places particular emphasis on the implementation of equality and inclusion measures, and strongly encourages qualified female scholars to apply. Further information on specific programmes and support measures can be found at [www.europa-uni.de/stellenangebote](http://www.europa-uni.de/stellenangebote).

Please submit your application by **04.05.2026** via the university's [recruitment portal](http://www.europa-uni.de/stellenangebote) (also accessible at [www.europa-uni.de/stellenangebote](http://www.europa-uni.de/stellenangebote)).

Applicants are requested to include a research statement and a teaching statement (max. 2 pages each), a list of publications, a record of teaching experience and, if available, teaching evaluations, a list of third-party funded projects, as well as three selected publications. All documents can be uploaded after completing the required fields in the [recruitment portal](http://www.europa-uni.de/stellenangebote).

For further information, please contact the Managing Director of the Faculty of Cultural and Social Sciences, Dr. Oliver Kossack (email: [kossack@europa-uni.de](mailto:kossack@europa-uni.de)). For questions regarding the recruitment portal, please contact Dr. Carina Brunner (phone: +49 (0)335-5534-4521, email: [berufungsmanagement@europa-uni.de](mailto:berufungsmanagement@europa-uni.de)).

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