

The Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW) is inviting applications for a

Junior Researcher (doctoral student) in International Finance / International Political Economy
for research on China's overseas lending and/or the geopolitics of international capital flows

The researcher will be based in Kiel (with the option to live in Hamburg or commute from elsewhere), and join our research center "International Finance and Macroeconomics". We are a young, dynamic, research-oriented team with a large international network, focusing on international capital flows, financial globalization, financial history, and questions of international political economy, in particular geopolitics and geoeconomics.

The researcher will take part in our broad-based research agenda on state-driven lending, with a focus on China's growing role in international finance as well as on geopolitical drivers of international capital flows. Also a specialization on debt and capital markets in Africa is possible.

We offer the opportunity to work on ambitious empirical research projects in international finance and political economy. Most of our projects involve research collaborations in the United States, e.g. at Harvard, U Penn, or institutions like the IMF and the World Bank.

We seek motivated candidates with:

- A Master degree in Economics, Finance or related fields (including International Political Economy with a quantitative focus). Completed or close to completion.
- A track record of academic excellence and very good grades
- Relevant work experience in Germany and/or abroad
- Ambition to complete a very good doctoral thesis and interest in a career in academia
- Interest in policy-relevant research
- Experience as a research assistant is an asset. Also experience with data management, data coding and programming is valuable
- Excellent English skills and ideally some knowledge of German

The contract is initially limited to 3 years according to the law on limited employment contracts in research (WissZeitVG). The salary is based on the German public sector pay scale (EG 13 TV-L). The contract is part time (75%, corresponding to 29,025 hours per week). The Kiel Institute usually offers – if necessary – contract extensions to finish the dissertation within four years. The start date of the position is flexible but ideally no later than late summer 2021.

The Kiel Institute is an equal opportunity employer with a certified family-friendly [policy](#). We promote the professional opportunities of women and strongly encourage them to apply. Women with equivalent qualifications, competence, and expertise will be given preference. We are committed to employing persons with recognized disabilities and will therefore give them preference over persons without disabilities if they are equally qualified.

Please submit your application until 26th of March 2021 online at <https://www.ifw-kiel.de/institute/working-at-the-kiel-institute/job-vacancies/>, using your family name as the file name (ID-No. "PhD_InternationalFinance"). Please include a cover letter, your CV, transcripts of your academic record, and an academic writing sample. Reference letters are optional and can be sent under separate cover to applications@ifw.kiel.de. For additional information, please contact Prof. Christoph Trebesch (christoph.trebesch@ifw-kiel.de) or Sebastian Horn (sebastian.horn@ifw.kiel.de).