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The following three-year position is immediately available in the risk communication department within a junior research group on the topic of reputation and trust in regulatory scientific organizations:

PhD student on the topic of logics in risk controversies (f/m/d)

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The employment is based on 65 % of full-time weekly working hours (currently 25,35 h). Fixed-term employment is based on the German "Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz".

The candidate is envisioned to obtain a doctoral degree through this employment. The employment is part of a newly established junior research group on the topic of trust in regulatory scientific organizations. Aim of the research group is to study the effects of structural, processual, strategic and individual factors on the construction of trust in the context of regulatory science. **The PhD project will focus on the construction and effects of institutional logics and other structural arrangements.** It is intended to be supervised by Professor Dr. Ortwin Renn at the University of Stuttgart.

Participation in BfR's PhD program is mandatory. The program aims to convey scientific and methodological knowledge. It offers the opportunity to present the progress of the PhD project in regular internal events and to benefit from scientific exchange.

Tasks:

- Reviewing relevant literature on the discursive construction of risks and the role of regulatory scientific organizations in selected risk fields
- Analysing (risk)controversies (e.g. around animal testing or pesticide authorisation) from the perspectives of organizational and risk sociology
- Publishing research results in scientific journals
- Presenting research results at scientific events
- Developing research proposals for third party funding

Requirements:

- University degree (master's, diploma (university) or a comparable university degree) in sociology, business administration or a similar discipline
- Familiarity with organizational sociology, in particular institutional approaches
- Experience in qualitative data analysis, ideally using MAXQDA software
- Experience in literature management, ideally using Citavi software
- Knowledge of risk and science studies
- Very good knowledge of written and spoken German and English
- Handling of standard IT applications, conscientious work ethic, flexibility, resilience and ability to work in a team
- Willingness to travel

What we can offer you:

- trust-based work time
- 30 days' annual leave (based on a 5-day week)
- Mobile working opportunities
- Excellent links to the public transport network
- Wide range of further training opportunities
- Travel pass
- VBL occupational pension
- Capital-forming benefits
- AWO-Familienservice/Family Service

The place of employment is Berlin.

Application process:

Does this position appeal to you?

Then please apply by **03. March 2022** via our online system:

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Please address any questions in connection with the application process to:
bewerbung@bfr.bund.de

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