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To support the academic and organizational development of the Institute for Multidisciplinary Research on Religion (ImRe) e.V., the Department of Sociology at the University of Münster invites applications for the position of

Postdoctoral Research Associate (E 13 TV-L)

within the externally funded research project "Conflict, Religion, Institution", starting as soon as possible. This is a full-time postdoctoral position (100%), limited to two years. The teaching obligation is 4 semester hours per week (SWS) for a full-time position, i.e. two classes per week.

Your Responsibilities

- Contributing to the externally funded research project *Conflict, Religion, Institution*
- Independently conducting a research project
- Publishing research findings in academic journals and other scholarly outlets

Your Profile

- PhD in Sociology or another social science discipline
- Demonstrated expertise in quantitative research methods, evidenced by previous research
- Willingness to undertake further methodological training
- Willingness to participate in international academic conferences
- Excellent command of English
- Interest in religion-related conflicts

The following qualifications are considered an advantage:

- Academic publications in research areas relevant to the position
- Experience working on research projects

What We Offer

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How to Apply

Are you interested in joining us? We look forward to receiving your application by **27 November 2026**, addressed to:

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Please submit your application as a **PDF file** to soziologie.forschung@uni-muenster.de. Please note that applications submitted in other file formats cannot be considered.

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