SOCIUM Professor Is Appointed to the Government’s Pension Commission

Professor Simone Scherger of the University of Bremen’s SOCIUM Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy has been appointed a member of the German Government’s pension commission. In their coalition agreement, the Government had agreed to set up such an institution consisting of representatives of the so-called social partners, politics and academia.

According to the Federal Government, the aim of the ten-member commission with the title “Reliable Generation Contract” is to ensure a fair and reliable pension for everyone. This requires the sustainable protection and development of both the statutory pension insurance as well as corporate and private pension provision. In the next two years, the commission will develop proposals for action from 2025 onwards. Federal Minister of Employment Hubertus Heil officially established the commission on May 3, 2018. It will start its work in June. Professor Simone Scherger from the SOCIUM Research Center for Inequality and Social Policy at the University of Bremen has been appointed to act as an expert for the commission.

Only sociologist among the experts in the commission

Simone Scherger is the only sociologist among the three members from the realm of academia. She has been a professor of sociology at the University of Bremen with a focus on life-course oriented social policy since April 2018. This is an endowed professorship financed by the “Funding Network Interdisciplinary Social Policy Research” embedded in the Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs.

Individual life courses in view

Simone Scherger’s research focuses on the connection between life courses and social policy. These include, for example, the risks of changing employment patterns and ways of life as well as the effects of labor market reforms on individual life courses and provision for old-age. Simone Scherger is especially interested in how certain groups – such as women, people with a migrant background or reduced earnings capacity and the self-employed – deal with social risks during their life course and in everyday life. From 2010 to 2017, Simone Scherger headed the Emmy Noether Junior Research Group “Gainful employment beyond the retirement age in Germany and the UK” at SOCIUM.

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