

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

2 Doctoral Researcher project C5 „Framing Future“



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With approximately 50,000 students, the University of Cologne is one of the largest universities in Germany and ranks among the Excellence Universities. It employs over 600 professors and 7,000 academic and non-academic staff.

The Collaborative Research Center (CRC) „Future Rural Africa. Future-making and social-ecological transformation“ combines expertise from the two Universities of Bonn and Cologne to study newly emerging issues of social-ecological transformation and future-making in Africa. Project C5 „Framing Future“ invites applications for 2 Doctoral Researcher (s).

YOUR TASKS

- » Carry out research on „Temporal frames of reference in land conversions in the KAZA region“ and compile a PhD thesis as part of the project. Conduct long-term field research in Namibia/Botswana (minimally 12 months in 2019/20).
- » Conduct an intensive study of the available literature on the area and comparatively on cultural frames of time. Record ethnographically the repertoire of relevant temporal frames of references (concepts of time, practices of timing). Contribute to the CRC at large.

YOUR PROFILE

- » Highly qualified and motivated students holding a M.Sc. M.A. or equivalent degree in Social- and Cultural Anthropology or African Studies
- » Excellent knowledge of ethnographic field research methodology
- » Excellent command of written and spoken English, willingness to acquire some knowledge of German, ideally some previous exposure to an African language
- » Ability and willingness to travel independently for extended periods of time to southern Africa
- » Good knowledge of social theory

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- » an outstanding international research environment
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The position is available from 01.04.2018 on a 65% time basis (25,89 hours/week). It is limited to the 31. 03.2021. If the applicant meets the relevant wage requirements and personal qualifications, the salary is based on remuneration group 13 TV-L of the pay scale for the German public sector.

The University of Cologne promotes equal opportunities and diversity in its employment relations. Women are expressly encouraged to apply and given priority in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We expressly welcome applications from individuals with severe disabilities or people of equivalent status. Severely disabled applicants of equal merit and qualifications will be given priority.

Please send your convincing application with proof of the sought qualifications by email (in one pdf-file) with the reference number WISS1801-06 to:
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The application deadline is 31.01.2018..