

Vacancy

Economic Sociology

Climate change is a key challenge for both, science and society. The Cluster of Excellence „Integrated Climate System Analysis and Prediction“ (CliSAP) is responding to this challenge in an integrated way, linking together natural and social sciences. Main partners are the University of Hamburg, the Max Planck Institute for Meteorology, the Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht and the German Climate Computing Centre DKRZ. CliSAP has initiated the „KlimaCampus Hamburg“, an alliance of research institutions covering a wide range of expertise on integrated climate system science in Hamburg, thus offering excellent conditions for research and education.

The Center for Globalisation and Governance (CGG) of the University of Hamburg is part of the „KlimaCampus“, an interdisciplinary network on climate research of the university and leading independent institutes in Hamburg. The Cluster of Excellence on “Integrated Climate System Analysis and Prediction (CliSAP) invites applications for a

Research Associate/Postdoc m/f (wissenschaftliche/r Mitarbeiter/in)

with a strong background in economic sociology and research methodologies.

The successful applicant will conduct research on companies and the way in which they define their strategies with regard to a carbon constrained business future. The research should focus on the way in which companies process climate information and information about future CO₂ regulation, and should be embedded in a general understanding of company behavior.

The group’s objective is to provide strong disciplinary science on decision processes in companies and to further the Cluster’s understanding of the transformation toward a low carbon society.

Responsibilities

The successful applicant will develop a research approach on companies and the way in which they define their strategies with regard to a carbon constrained business future. The research should focus on the way in which companies process climate information and information about future CO₂ regulation. The applicant will conduct empirical case studies and will publish the research results in the form of conference papers and articles in peer-reviewed journals. Specific tasks include the participation in transdisciplinary collaboration within CliSAP, the preparation of grant proposals, and teaching either in the School of Integrated Climate System Science (with a socio-economic study track) or in the Department of Social Sciences.

Requirements

We expect an academic degree and / or a doctoral degree in Sociology and the following skills:

- Profound interest in economic sociology and CO₂-related processes in the economy.
- Demonstrated experience in research methods.
- Demonstrated knowledge and skills in sociological theories on company behavior.
- Ability to conduct independent work.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Proficiency in the English language.
- Excellent organizational skills.

General information

Payment is according to salary group E 14 TV-L. The position is offered for 4 years and 10 months, starting January 2nd, 2013 (see also § 2 of the Academic Fixed-Term Contract Law (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz)). The position calls for 39 hours per week.

The university intends to increase the number of women amongst its academic personnel and expressly encourages qualified women to apply. In compliance with the Hamburg Equal Opportunity Law, preference will be given to qualified female applicants.

Application dossiers (cover letter, curriculum vitae, and a statement of preliminary research interests) are to be submitted to:

office.clisap@zmaw.de

or to

**Universität Hamburg
KlimaCampus
CliSAP Office
Code/Reference number C-1-Postdoc
Grindelberg 5
20144 Hamburg**

The selection process will start on November 15, 2012, and will continue until the position is filled. Please do not submit any original copies of your documents; furthermore, your documents will only be returned to you if you include a self-addressed and stamped envelope with your application.

For additional information please do not hesitate to contact Prof. Dr. Anita Engels (anita.engels@wiso.uni-hamburg.de).

Preference will be given to disabled applicants with equal qualifications.