



The Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences / Institute of Geography invites applications for a

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE FOR THE PROJECT “CLICCS - CLIMATE, CLIMATIC CHANGE, AND SOCIETY” C2 'SUSTAINABLE LAND - USE SCENARIOS: SOIL, BIODIVERSITY, WATER, FOOD AND ENERGY SECURITY' - SALARY LEVEL E13 TV-L -

The position in accordance with Section 28 subsection 3 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG) commences on 1.7.2019.

This is a fixed-term contract in accordance with Section 2 of the academic fixed-term labor contract act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG). The term is fixed for a period of 3 years. The position calls for 65 % of standard work hours per week**.

CLICCS is an ambitious research program at Universität Hamburg and its partner institutions. Funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), it is part of Germany's Excellence Strategy.

The program aims to understand climate changes, taking into account internal variability, extreme events, and unexpected side effects, addressing the natural and social spheres as well as their interactions. Thus CLICCS' overarching research question is: which climate futures are possible and which are plausible? CLICCS will investigate how climate changes and how society changes with it, thereby feeding back on climate. It will identify those climate futures that are consistent with both climate and social dynamics (possible), and those we expect to unfold with appreciable probability (plausible).

PhD candidates are members of our graduate school, which aims to help young academics thrive through all stages of their training, for more information please check the link: [Graduate School](#).

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Duties include academic services in the project named above. Research associates may also pursue independent research and further academic qualifications outside regular working hours.

* Full-time positions currently comprise 39 hours per week.

SPECIFIC DUTIES:

The research associates will contribute to the analysis of societal factors in decision-making processes (e.g. livelihoods, power relations, social inequalities) in the framework of the CLICCS project C2 "Sustainable Land-Use Scenarios: Soil, Biodiversity, Water, Food and Energy Security".

Specific duties include:

- Designing and conducting empirical research on relevant actor constellations, dominant power relations and social inequalities in case study regions, mainly in Amazonia/Brazil and one or two of the following regions: Southern Africa, Northern India/Nepal, Northern Germany;
- Holding intensive and frequent contacts to political institutions (such as ministries, authorities, public agencies) and civil society (local communities, NGOs) in the respective case study regions;
- Linking his*her research with agent-based modelling and relevant other quantitative research activities of the C2 project;
- Presentation of research at international conferences and publication of research results in relevant international journals.

REQUIREMENTS:

A university degree in a relevant field.

- A Master's degree (or equivalent) in geography or related academic fields with very good grades
- Advanced knowledge in integrative-geographical theories and climate change debates
- Good proficiency in techniques of empirical research, esp. qualitative methods such as interview techniques, social network analysis and mapping methods
- Prior knowledge in the political ecology is desirable
- Capacity for teamwork in an interdisciplinary environment
- Fluency in Portuguese or Spanish and in English (spoken and written)
- German language skills are desirable but not necessary

The University aims to increase the number of women in research and teaching and explicitly encourages women to apply. Equally qualified female applicants will receive preference in accordance with the Hamburg act on gender equality (Hamburgisches Gleichstellungsgesetz, HmbGleiG).

Qualified disabled candidates or applicants with equivalent status receive preference in the application process.

For further information, please contact Prof. Dr. Martina Neuburger or consult our website at cliccs.uni-hamburg.de/research/theme-c/c2.html. Interviews will take place in mid of June 2019.

Applications should include a cover letter, a tabular curriculum vitae, and copies of degree certificate(s). Please send applications by 06.06.2019 to: martina.neuburger@uni-hamburg.de.

Please do not submit original documents as we are **not** able to return them. Any documents submitted will be destroyed after the application process has concluded.