

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

# Doctoral Researcher (f/m/x) – DFG Project "Empathy and Resilience"

# Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology

We are one of the largest and oldest universities in Europe and one of the most important employers in our region. Our broad range of subjects, the dynamic development of our main research areas and our central location in Cologne make us attractive for students and researchers from around the world. We offer a wide range of career opportunities in science, technology, and administration.

The project "Empathy and Resilience: Phenomenological, Anthropological and Psychological Approaches to the Resilience Potentials within Cultural Practices of Collective Resonance" examines the different forms and functions of collective empathy in the ethnographic context of an indigenous group in the arid north-west of Namibia. The project is headed by Prof. Michael Bollig, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology.

## **YOUR TASKS**

- Developing a PhD project on the topic of "Empathy and Resilience in Rituals of Mourning and Healing"
- Conducting ethnographic fieldwork for about
  months in Namibia
- » Data collection and analysis
- » Presentation of results in the form of regular reports, lectures, and in publications
- » Participating in regular project meetings
- » Support in the organization of academic events (conferences, workshops, working meetings)

### **YOUR PROFILE**

- » Completed master's degree (MA) in Social and Cultural Anthropology (or related disciplines)
- » Willingness to conduct several months of research in southern Africa, familiarity with the research sites will be beneficial
- » Excellent knowledge of English is required; knowledge of Otjiherero language is of advantage

#### **WE OFFER**

- » Integration in the University's Global South Study Center
- » A diverse working environment with equal opportunities
- » Support in balancing work and family life
- » Extensive advanced training opportunities
- » Occupational health management offers
- » flexible working time models

The University of Cologne is committed to equal opportunities and diversity. Women are especially encouraged to apply and will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome applications from people with disabilities / special needs or of equal status.

The position is available from 01.04.2024 on a part-time basis (25,89 hours per week). The position is to be filled for a fixed term until 31.03.2027. If the applicant meets the relevant wage requirements and personal qualifications, the salary will be based on remuneration group 13 TV-L of the pay scale for the German public sector.

Please send your application with proof of the required qualifications without a photo by e-mail to:

<u>m.boeck@uni-koeln.de</u>. The reference number is Wiss2401-08. The application deadline is 11.02.2024. For further inquiries, please contact <a href="https://uni.koeln/5UJUY.">https://uni.koeln/5UJUY.</a>