

Doctoral Researcher (f/m/d) - FOR 5183 „Cross-border Mobility and Institutional Dynamics“

Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology

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The University of Cologne is one of the largest and most research-intensive universities in Germany, offering a wide range of subjects. With its six faculties and its interfaculty centres, it offers a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines and internationally outstanding profile areas, supported by the administration with its services.

The interdisciplinary research group „Cross-border Mobility and Institutional Dynamics“ (FOR 5183) is coordinated at the University of Siegen. The PhD position is part of the project „Migration, Intersectionality and Institutional Interaction: Experiences of African Migrants in the United Arab Emirates“, which is headed by Prof. Dr. Michaela Pelican, University of Cologne. If requested, we will be happy to send you a brief description of FOR 5183 and the project.

YOUR TASKS

- » Development of a PhD project on the topic of „Migration, Intersectionality and Institutional Interaction: Experiences of African Migrants in the United Arab Emirates“ taking into account the objectives of the project.
- » Data collection and analysis; ethnographic field research in the United Arab Emirates (12 months in total) and Ethiopia (3 months).
- » Presentation of results in the form of regular reports, lectures and publications
- » Support in the organization of academic and policy events (conferences, workshops, working meetings)
- » Participation in and contributions to the activities of the research group (FOR 5183)

YOUR PROFILE

- » Completed master's degree (MA) in social and cultural anthropology, sociology, or a closely related field of study; familiarity with migration research will be beneficial
- » Strong interest in social science theory building, initial experience with ethnographic research will be beneficial
- » Willingness to conduct several months of ethnographic research in the United Arab Emirates and Ethiopia; familiarity with the research sites will be beneficial
- » Excellent knowledge of English is required; knowledge of German or willingness to learn German for communication purposes is desired; knowledge of Amharic or Oromo will be beneficial
- » Due to the intersectional orientation of the project and research team, applications from ethnic minorities and women are especially desired

WE OFFER YOU

- » Integration into a diverse and interdisciplinary research team
- » A diverse and fair working environment
- » Support in reconciling work and family life
- » Flexible working time models
- » Extensive advanced training opportunities
- » Occupational health management offers
- » Local transport ticket at a discount for UoC employees

The position is available from 01.01.2022 on a part-time basis (65% / 25,89 hours per week). It is limited until 31.12.2025. 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 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.

Please send your application with the usual documents (letter of motivation, research proposal 1-3 pages/1000 words limit), CV, transcript of records) plus a writing sample (e.g., master's thesis or publication) by email (in one pdf-file) with the reference number Wiss2108-14 to m.boeck@uni-koeln.de. The application deadline is 01.10.2021.

Digital interviews with selected candidates are scheduled for Tuesday, 19.10.2021 in the afternoon.

For questions regarding the content of the project, please contact Prof. Dr. Michaela Pelican (mpelican@uni-koeln.de).