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The Department of Anthropology and African Studies at the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany, invites applications for a, initially, one and a half year position in a social anthropological research project at the level of

Doctoral Researcher

(German: wissenschaftliche/n Mitarbeiter/in; payment: half of EntgeltGr E 13)

Responsibilities will include an extensive empirical study on the micro-politics of national park management in Northern Benin, West Africa. Focus is on conflicts between various interest groups and processes of negotiation and political manoeuvring related to management and use of national park resources. The study is part of a larger interdisciplinary research project on biodiversity conservation in West Africa (BIOTA Africa).

Applicants must have in hand an excellent master degree (or equivalent) in social anthropology or related discipline and be competent in political and legal anthropology (including actor-oriented approaches). Candidates are expected to spend a one-year period of fieldwork in Northern Benin and to aim for a Ph.D. grade in social anthropology. Language skills in French are necessary.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Applications should only be sent by email and include a letter of interest, CV, list of diploma and grades, and names and addresses of two references.

Please send applications (PDF or Word attachments) to

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