

The University of Vienna (20 faculties and centres, 178 fields of study, approx. 9.600 members of staff, about 92.000 students) seeks to fill the position as soon as possible of a

Scientific Staff at the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology

Reference number: 9576

The Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology is part of the Faculty of Social Sciences. It is the only social and cultural anthropology department in Austria. The department offers bachelor's and master's degree programmes and doctorate studies, in which currently around 2,000 students are enrolled. For further details, see ksa.univie.ac.at.

The vacant position is assigned to Prof. Dr Tijo Salverda's ongoing DFG project "Economic Enterprises and Their Critics: Efforts to Mitigate the Negative Impact of Large-Scale Agricultural Investments in Africa". This project aims to better understand whether, why, and how corporate practices change (or not) as a result of (international) pressure corporations face. As the main case study, a large European agricultural investment in Zambia, demonstrates that the outcomes of the interactions between economic enterprises and their critics are highly ambiguous – though critics have more impact than often acknowledged, the plight of many of the neighbouring rural residents remains the same.

The PhD candidate will conduct research in Zambia, with a particular focus on rural residents in the area of the project's main case study. The focus will be on obtaining additional insights regarding the (moral) expectations of the rural residents. The main aim is to better understand how these residents perceive the (future) advantages and/or disadvantages of private sector and NGO involvement in the area, nature conservation projects, and Zambian state actors.

The successful applicant should be driven by a curiosity to better understand the world we live in. The applicant should have knowledge about current theoretical debates prominent in economic anthropology, political ecology, and/or development studies. A willingness to conduct long-term fieldwork in Zambia and experience with anthropological methods is required. The candidate should be able to work independently and to engage in critical discussions. Experience with (external) fundraising is an asset, as additional funds need to be applied for to successfully complete the project. The position is initially for a year, but an extension by mutual agreement is possible.

Duration of employment: 1 year/s

Extent of Employment: 30 hours/week

[Job grading in accordance with collective bargaining agreement](#): §48 VwGr. B1 Grundstufe (praedoc) with relevant work experience determining the assignment to a particular salary grade.

Job Description:

- Conducting research
- Analysing and publishing research data
- Contributing to main research project
- Applying for (external) funding
- Teaching and administration

Profile:

- MA in Social and/or Cultural Anthropology or other relevant disciplines
- Research experience in Sub-Sahara Africa
- Interests in economic anthropology, political ecology, rural transformations, and developmental issues
- Expertise in qualitative research methods and ethnographic fieldwork
- Excellent command, both written and oral, in English; knowledge of German will be beneficial
- Independent and self-reliant worker

Application must include the following documents: curriculum vitae; motivation letter; diplomas and academic transcripts; writing sample (of 5 to 7 pages maximum; preferably summary of MA-thesis); name of one to two referents (for example, MA-supervisors).

Research fields:

	Main research field	Special research fields	Importance
Sociology		Cultural anthropology	MUST

Languages:

	Language	Language level	Importance
English		Excellent knowledge	MUST
German		Good knowledge	SHOULD

Applications including a letter of motivation (German or English) should be submitted via the Job Center to the University of Vienna (<http://jobcenter.univie.ac.at>) no later than 06.05.2019, mentioning reference number 9576.

For further information please contact Salverda, Tijo +43-1-4277-49509.

The University pursues a non-discriminatory employment policy and values equal opportunities, as well as diversity (<http://diversity.univie.ac.at/>). The University lays special emphasis on increasing the number of women in senior and in academic positions. Given equal qualifications, preference will be given to female applicants.

Human Resources and Gender Equality of the University of Vienna

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