

Doctoral Researcher (f/m/x) in Human/Economic Geography

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The DFG-funded project 'Processes of commodification and standardization in tropical freshwater fish value chains – current and historical perspectives' is seeking a doctoral researcher (f/m/x) (part-time) for empirical studies on value chains and international trade of ornamental fishes and the commodification of the 'wild'.

YOUR TASKS

- » Planning and conducting fieldwork in Germany, the Netherlands, Singapore and neighboring countries (Indonesia, Malaysia), and East Africa (Tanzania)
- » Exploring a relatively new field at the intersection of Economic Geography and more-than-human approaches
- » Writing of a doctoral thesis and contributions to academic publications related to the project
- » Presenting research findings at conferences and workshops

YOUR PROFILE

- » Master's degree (or equivalent) in Geography or related disciplines
- » Excellent knowledge of and experience with qualitative and quantitative research methods and motivation for independent fieldwork in Southeast Asia and Africa
- » Fitness for travel and willingness to work independently in tropical environments, including extended periods of fieldwork in remote areas
- » Excellent command of written and spoken English
- » At least basic knowledge of German, because German-language sources must also be analyzed
- » Solid knowledge of basic theories and concepts of Economic Geography
- » Openness to new and innovative research approaches
- » Flexible, team-oriented and interested in continuing your professional development

WE OFFER

- » A well-equipped workplace at the Institute of Geography
- » 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 Gender Equality Act of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome people with disabilities/special needs or of equal status.

The position is available from 01 December 2023 on a part-time basis (29,87 hours per week). The contract is limited to a duration of 3 years. 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 apply online with proof of the required qualifications without a photo under: <https://jobportal.uni-koeln.de>. The reference number is Wiss2308-11. The application deadline is 30.09.2023. For further inquiries, please contact Professor Boris Braun (boris.braun@uni-koeln.de).