



UNIVERSITY
OF COLOGNE

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

PhD position (f/m/x)

MESH – Multidisciplinary Environmental Studies in the Humanities



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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 research hub MESH addresses the social, cultural and ethical dimensions of global environmental change and the associated ecological, climate and health crises. For further information, please see: <https://mesh.uni-koeln.de>
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YOUR TASKS

- » conducting academic research (PhD thesis) in the environmental anthropology of the Circumpolar North, preferably in the Canadian Arctic
- » supporting MESH's research activities (projects, publications, grant applications, organization of conferences and workshops)
- » teaching and grading one academic course at BA level per year
- » administrative duties

YOUR PROFILE

- » excellent Master's (or equivalent) degree in Social and Cultural Anthropology or a related field
- » keen interest and preferably experience in interdisciplinary research and team work
- » experience in empirical social research, preferably with ethnographic methods
- » willingness to conduct ethnographic field research in the Circumpolar North for at least 12 months
- » good communication skills, fluency in English, basic knowledge of the language of the future place of work with the prospective fieldwork language
- » experience with organizing academic events desirable

WE OFFER

- » a stimulating and international work environment
- » 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 promotes equal opportunities and diversity. Women will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome applications from all suitable candidates regardless of their gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation and identity.

The position is available from 01.12.2024 on a part-time basis (29,87 hours per week). It is limited for a fixed term until 30 November 2028. 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 Wiss2407-05. The application deadline is 21 August 2024.

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE

- » Curriculum Vitae
- » one-page letter summarizing your research interests and motivation for the application
- » a thesis proposal (max. 3 pages) outlining your research plans, including research question, methods, ethics and time plan
- » contact details of two academic references
- » copies of degree certificates
- » your Master's thesis and up to one other publication (as PDFs)

For further inquiries, please contact Professor Dr Franz Krause (f.krause@uni-koeln.de).



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