

2 PhD Positions (f/m/d)

MESH hub – Multidisciplinary Environmental Studies in the Humanities

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.

Led by Humboldt Professor Kate Rigby, the research hub MESH addresses the social, cultural and ethical dimensions of global environmental change, together with its associated ecological, climate and health crises. Bringing the historical, philosophical, literary, linguistic and cultural anthropological expertise of the humanities into conversation with the natural and social sciences, MESH fosters high-profile research and knowledge exchange across three main areas of enquiry: (1) decolonial cultural ecologies; (2) multispecies conviviality; and (3) disaster preparedness (for further information see: <https://mesh.uni-koeln.de/>).

YOUR TASKS

- » academic research (PhD thesis) in area of enquiry relevant to the programme at MESH within or across the fields of Anglophone and/or German environmental literary and cultural studies, history, philosophy, religious studies, education, multispecies, extinction, and/or decolonial studies.
- » assistance with MESH's research activities (projects, publications, grant applications and organization of conferences and workshops)
- » teaching and marking on academic courses at BA-level (1 SWS, i.e. 1 weekly 90-min seminar per academic year)
- » administrative duties

YOUR PROFILE

- » excellent Master's (or equivalent) degree in an area relevant to the environmental humanities
- » keen interest in interdisciplinary research
- » good communication skills, fluency in English
- » experience with conference or workshop organization or other relevant work experience desirable

WE OFFER YOU

- » on-going training in the field of environmental humanities
- » an international, interdisciplinary, 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 October 1st, 2022 on a part-time basis (65%, 25,89 hours per week). The position is to be filled for a fixed term until 30.09.2025. If the necessary prerequisites required by tariff regulations as well as the sought-after personal qualifications are met, the salary will correspond to the pay grade 13 as specified in the States' Tariff Agreement (TVL).

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 apply online at: <https://jobportal.uni-koeln.de/>.

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE

- » a Curriculum Vitae
- » a one-page letter summarizing your research interests and motivation for the application
- » a thesis proposal (max. 3 pages) outlining how it will relate to one or more of the main research areas at MESH
- » contact information for two academic references
- » copies of degree certificates
- » your Master thesis and up to one other publication (as PDFs)

The reference number is Wiss2203-31.

The application deadline is 15 May 2022.

Interview for shortlisted applicants will take place in late June 2022 (probably via Zoom).

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