

The Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (www.leibniz-zmt.de) in Bremen is a member of the Leibniz Association, which is supported by the German Federal and State Governments. Through its research, ZMT contributes to developing science-based strategies for sustainable use of tropical coastal systems.

The Working Group '**Deliberation, Valuation & Sustainability**' at ZMT has a vacancy for a

Post-Doctoral Researcher (m/f/d)

(Reference number 127 – Deliberation, Valuation & Sustainability)

Description:

The Research Group 'Deliberation, Valuation & Sustainability' at the Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research in Bremen seeks an accomplished Post-Doctoral Researcher in the social sciences with grounded expertise in marine/coastal sociology, sustainability, natural resource management, stakeholder engagement, governance, development, anthropology, or ethnography for a BMBF-funded Post-Doctoral position in the SÖF Junior Research Group project: "Transdisciplinary Science for Sustainable Tourism". A successful candidate would employ qualitative social science methods and construct a grounded theory investigating social processes in sustainability decision-making. They would organize and conduct, along with other members of the research group, interviews, focus groups, and workshops. Prior empirical field research experience working in the tropics and/or a developing country context is highly desired. The long duration of a Junior Research Group project provides an exceptional opportunity for all group members to delve deeply into their subjects, develop their skills in inter- and trans-disciplinary research, and build strong networks.

Tasks:

The SÖF Junior Research Group project "Transdisciplinary Science for Sustainable Tourism" explores interconnections between the global tourism economy and local environmental problems in developing economies, and analyses the decision-making process to find solutions through a transdisciplinary and collaborative process. Tourism-generated wastewater is a near-invisible problem that can threaten livelihoods, human health, and the health of ecosystems. The project is centred on an inter- and trans-disciplinary approach to develop the research in collaboration with local stakeholders in three field sites across the tropics. In order to build relationships with project partners in partner countries, extensive field stays are required. As such, a candidate must be able to travel frequently and live in the tropics for extended periods of time, including a two long field stays of up to five months.

The Postdoc will support the research group leader, and will be involved in both empirical work and theory development. In addition, the candidate will be encouraged to develop their individualised research agenda within the framework of the project, leading to a habilitation if desired. Motivated candidates with an interest in collaboratively conceptualising research projects and proposal writing towards the end of the project are particularly encouraged. Additionally, contributions to collaborative teaching at FB8 (Social Science Department) of the University of Bremen as well as to supervision of Bachelors, Masters, and PhD theses outside of the core project group are appreciated.

Requirements:

- An excellent doctoral degree in a relevant field of the social sciences (e.g. Sociology, Sustainability, Ethnography, Anthropology, Human Geography, Development);

- Advanced methodological skills, including experience with interview and case study research, analysis of group discussions, text interpretation, qualitative content analysis, mixed methods in social sciences;
- Experience with interdisciplinary and/or transdisciplinary research;
- Empirical research experience in the tropics, preferably East Africa, tropical parts of Latin America, South or Southeast Asia on marine and coastal topics;
- International publication record;
- Effective interpersonal communication skills including ability to work harmoniously in a team;
- Proven track record in network building;
- Demonstrated initiative and willingness to take on unexpected tasks;
- Ability to work independently, with a goal and result-oriented self-reliant work mode;
- Advanced written and oral communication skills in English, and preferably also German;
- Flexibility to travel both within Germany and internationally;
- Experience in acquisition of third-party funded projects would be an additional plus;
- Local language skills from the regions of research (e.g., Spanish, Swahili, Bahasa Indonesia) would be an additional plus.

Details of Position:

- The envisioned starting date is 01 September 2019 - Full-time (100%),
- The candidate will be on a 57- month contract,
- The salary is according to the German salary group TV-L, EG 13.

Additional Information: For additional information, please contact:

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We offer:

- An exciting working environment in an interdisciplinary and internationally oriented institute and research project
- Possibilities to build and extend an international professional network and participate in a research field of high public and scientific interest
- A family-friendly working environment
- Various Corporate Health Management offers like company sports and fresh fruit baskets

ZMT is an equal opportunity employer.

Applicants with a migration background are welcome.

Disabled persons with comparable qualification receive preferential status.

Submission of Application:

Please send your complete set of application documents in English as a **single file PDF** comprising the following: Letter of Motivation, CV (with publication record), relevant scientific writing sample (e.g., publication), and attached certificates. Deadline for applications is **July 6, 2019**. Documents should be e-mailed as a single PDF file to Ms. Lena Oehlmann (bewerbung@leibniz-zmt.de) with the reference number 127 and the Working Group 'Deliberation, Valuation & Sustainability.'

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