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Postdoctoral researcher (Anthropology) (f/m/x)

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 Global South Studies Center invites applications for a full-time postdoctoral position in the research project "Medium-scale farmers in rural Africa: Transformations in belonging, property, kinship and power" funded by the Volkswagen Foundation.

YOUR TASKS

- » independent, qualitative-ethnographic research on domestic entrepreneurs in agriculture in Namibia, Tanzania and Ghana
- » research on agrarian change in the context of, amongst others, changing urban and rural relations, agri-food value chains, intergenerational inheritance and local politics that mediating access to resources
- » writing publications and presenting research in international conferences
- » researching and bringing together methods, theories and case studies in a comparative research design
- » project coordination in close collaboration with partner institutions in Africa

YOUR PROFILE

- » doctoral degree in Social and Cultural Anthropology or related discipline
- » proven experience in ethnographic research, preferably in rural areas of the Global South
- » fitness and flexibility to travel to remote rural places
- » excellent analytical and organizational skills
- » pertinent publication record
- » excellent command of written and spoken English
- » team-oriented and interested in continuing your professional development
- » motivated to work independently and as part of an interdisciplinary research team

WE OFFER

- » the opportunity to engage in a thriving interdisciplinary research center
- » 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
- » opportunity to work remotely

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 1 April 2025 on a full-time basis (39,83 hours per week). It is limited for fixed term until 31 December 2028. If the applicant meets the relevant wage requirements and personal qualifications, the salary is based on remuneration group I3 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 Wiss2501-08. The application deadline is 16 February 2025. For further inquiries, please contact Dr Clemens Greiner (clemens.greiner@uni-koeln.de) and take a look at our [FAQs](#).



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