



The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) is one of the leading research institutes on development policy. Through excellent research, policy advice and training, the Institute contributes to finding solutions to global challenges. DIE has joined the Collaborative Research Center CRC-TRR 228 "Future Rural Africa. Future-making and social-ecological transformation". The CRC brings together expertise from the Universities of Bonn and Cologne, DIE and the Bonn International Center for Conflict Studies (BICC) to study newly emerging issues of social-ecological transformation and future-making in Africa.

The DIE-project, "Science futures: Between 'intensification' and 'conservation' discourses on African rural development", invites applications for the positions of

**Two Doctoral Researchers (f/m/diverse) – Position No. 2021-B-09**

**Part time 65 % (25,35 hours/week)**

**Salary ca. € 33.600 p.a.**

**(German public sector tariff, TVöD Bund 13)**

The positions are to be filled from 01.04.2022 for the duration of 3 years and 9 months.

The project focusses on the role of science in the design of and decisions about the futures of rural Africa, using the examples of development corridors in Eastern and Southern Africa. This includes the analysis of national and transregionally linked science systems, their role in development discourses and policy-making, as well as the political ecologies and economies of corridor implementation. The project includes the parallel and comparative analysis of two key scientific knowledge systems important for rural development in the CRC regions: (a) development corridor or hub approaches; and (b) agriculture. We want to analyse how these knowledge systems are organised and funded, what they tell and how they shape the internal development dynamics, political and economic contestation processes inside the corridors in discourses and policy-making.

At DIE, the project is embedded in a research context that works on the interplay of different knowledge systems in agricultural and sustainability-focused development paradigms. The two doctoral researchers will specialise each on one of the project foci under a common scientific and methodological framework. Close cooperation is practiced within the CRC.

**The two doctoral researchers are responsible for the following tasks, among others:**

- Developing an individual PhD-research agenda including research question, conceptual and methodological design, as part of the project and in close cooperation with Prof. Dr. A.-K. Hornidge, Dr. M. Brüntrup and Dr. A. Stamm;
- Conducting extended empirical field research in Eastern and Southern Africa and writing the (cumulative) PhD-thesis under the Univ. of Bonn Faculty of Philosophy;
- Cooperating closely, as a project member of 'Science Futures' and the CRC, with the other researchers from Africa, Germany and beyond and contribute to the successful implementation of the CRC as a whole;
- Contributing to empirical and conceptual discussions and work processes in the research programme 'Transformation of Economic and Social Systems' as well as the crosscutting theme of 'Science for the global common good' at DIE.

**Requirements and qualifications:**

- Masters degree with excellent grades in a relevant field of the social sciences (e.g. Human Geography, Sociology, Anthropology, Area Studies, Science & Technology Studies, Agricultural Economics/Sociology; Rural development);
- Good knowledge of quantitative and qualitative methods;
- Empirical, qualitative or quantitative research experience outside of Europe is an asset;
- Effective interpersonal and intercultural communication skills including ability to work in a team;
- Ability and willingness to travel independently for extended periods of time to countries with tropical climate (Tropentauglichkeit) (field work in Kenya, Tanzania, Namibia and/or Zambia);
- Excellent command of written and spoken English; command of German is an asset.

**We offer:**

- Flexible working hours with a weekly working time of 25,35 hours;
- Possibility to use a subsidised job ticket and a good connection to public transport;
- Trainings for further professional development;
- Company pension scheme with the VBLU;
- A modern and interesting workplace with a good working atmosphere;
- The opportunity to partake in innovative and current research, set in an outstanding international research environment.

The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) offers an inspiring, family-friendly working environment at the interface of research and policy advice, with ample opportunities to engage in international discussions, political processes and scientific debates.

In the case of equal qualification, physically challenged persons will be given preference. We want to promote the diversity of our employees and encourage applications by women, men and diverse people.

Further information on the project is available to you on [www.crc228.de](http://www.crc228.de) or by contacting Dr. Michael Brüntrup ([Michael.bruentrup@die-gdi.de](mailto:Michael.bruentrup@die-gdi.de)) or Dr. Andreas Stamm ([Andreas.Stamm@die-gdi.de](mailto:Andreas.Stamm@die-gdi.de)).

Applications with the **position number 2021-B-09** with detailed documents (cover letter, curriculum vitae, relevant certificates, recommendation letters, informative application documents like M.A. thesis or scientific articles) must be submitted exclusively via [application portal](#) by **31th of January 2022**.

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