



UNIVERSITÄT KOBLENZ · LANDAU

The **Faculty 7: Natural and Environmental Sciences** at the University of Koblenz-Landau invites applications for a

Ph.D. position in water-related conflicts (60% TV-L E13)

at the **Institute for Environmental Sciences** at the **Campus Landau, Germany**. The successful applicant will work in a young and interdisciplinary junior research group in the social-ecological research project SALIDRAA 2 funded by the German Ministry of Science and Education (BMBF). The group studies the impact of salinization and climate change in the Draa watershed in Morocco on biodiversity, ecosystem functions and services, and will develop related solutions and examine the potential for a transformation towards sustainability. The appointment is for **4 years** (beginning in June 2019, continuation beyond March 2020 subject to a milestone evaluation of the project) and salary will be according to the German public service salary scale TV-L E13.

Main tasks:

The applicant will study existing water-use and management practices in the Draa Oasis as a model region for an arid watershed. He or she will carry out an actor-based conflict analysis with the aim to understand water users at different levels (local and national) and to inform conflict mitigation strategies. The applicant will spend considerable time in Morocco to conduct expert interviews, focus group discussions and stakeholder surveys. Together with ecologists and environmental economists he or she must be willing to work conceptually and practically on linking ecological changes to ecosystem service delivery rivers and human well-being with the aim of developing recommendations for institutional change and adaptation strategies in a participatory process.

Requirements:

The successful candidate holds a M.Sc. degree (or equivalent) in human geography, human or political ecology, environmental sciences, enography, peace and conflict studies or related fields. He or she should have experience in empirical social research and stakeholder involvement. He or she must be willing to engage in interdisciplinary collaboration and team work both conceptually and in the field. Fluency in English is required, good language skills in French or Arabic are advantageous. The applicant must be willing to spend considerable time in Germany as well as in Morocco and hold a drivers license.

Please contact **Dr. Elisabeth Berger** (berger@uni-landau.de) or **Jun. Prof. Janpeter Schilling** (schilling@uni-landau.de) for further information.

It is the policy of the University Koblenz-Landau to increase the percentage of female employees. If equally qualified, preference will be given to female applicants in fields where they are underrepresented. Disabled candidates are given priority, if equally qualified (please attach a proof and make it visible in your application). International candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

Applications should include a letter of motivation, a complete curriculum vitae and a letter of recommendation from a referee. Please send your application, quoting the reference number **41/2019 before 23.04.2019 via email in a single pdf document to bewerbung@uni-koblenz-landau.de** .

We do not send a confirmation of receipt. In accordance to the protection of data privacy all documents will be destroyed after the application procedure.

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