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The ZMT has a position available for a

## **Post-Doctoral Researcher in Development and Knowledge Sociology**

(Reference number 126 - Development and Knowledge Sociology)

### **Description:**

The Research Group 'Development and Knowledge Sociology' at the Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research in Bremen, and the Fachbereich 8 at the University of Bremen, seek an accomplished Post-Doctoral Researcher in the social sciences with grounded expertise in marine/coastal sociology, anthropology, area studies, human geography, gender, development, postcolonial or science and technology studies, working on tropical regions for a ZMT-funded Post-Doctoral position. In addition, prior empirical field research experience in the tropics and/or a developing country context is highly desired.

The 'Development and Knowledge Sociology' research group focuses on three interrelated fields of research: a) Marine Science Studies - Discourses of Knowledge; b) Oceanic Futures and Foresight Studies; c) Coastal Transformation Studies. The Post-Doctoral researcher will contribute directly to one of these three and collaborate with the other two.

### **Tasks:**

Thematically the research group focuses on the multiple characteristics of marine epistemologies along the equator as well as within tropical marine sciences themselves, the social, discursive and communicative processes constituting and at the same time contesting them, the social and technological infrastructures housing them, as well as their political and power-laden effects in a globalised system of fostering human-nature related processes of development and change. Three interrelated fields act as thematic pillars of the research group: a) Marine Science Studies - Discourses of Knowledge; b) Oceanic Futures and Foresight Studies; c) Coastal Transformation Studies. The position is designed for a postdoctoral researcher who will especially contribute to furthering the research profile of the first thematic pillar of the research group, in conjunction with the other two.

The Postdoc will support the research group leader and the Head of the Social Sciences Department, Prof. Dr. Anna-Katharina Hornidge, in thematic agenda development and research project conceptualisation within the interdisciplinary field of Marine Science Studies. In addition, the candidate will be encouraged to develop his/her individualised research agenda that complements the varied interests of the Working Group, with the scope of leading up to a post-doctoral thesis (habilitation) if desired. Moreover, motivated candidates with an interest in collaboratively conceptualising research projects in which they may later work on, are particularly encouraged. Additionally, contributions to collaborative teaching at FB8 of the University of Bremen as well as to MA thesis and PhD supervision are appreciated.

### **Requirements:**

- Doctoral degree in a relevant field of the social sciences (e.g. Sociology, Anthropology, Area Studies, Human Geography, Development, Gender, Migration & Mobilities or Science & Technology Studies);

- Empirical research experience in the tropics, preferably West 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;
- 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 would be an additional plus.

**Details of Position:**

- The envisioned starting date is July 2019 - Full-time (100%);
- The candidate will be on a two-year contract, with the possibility of extension;
- The salary is according to the German salary group TV-L, EG 13.

ZMT is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants with a migration background are welcome. Disabled persons with comparable qualification receive preferential status. ZMT offers a dynamic, interdisciplinary and international research environment and interesting, diverse, and challenging tasks in a family-friendly working environment.

**Additional Information:** For additional information, please contact:  
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**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 if relevant), attached certificates, and a brief proposal of not more than two pages, outlining an independent research topic. Only short-listed candidates will be notified. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2019.

Documents should be e-mailed as a single PDF file to Ms. Lena Oehlmann ([bewerbung@leibniz-zmt.de](mailto:bewerbung@leibniz-zmt.de)) with the reference number 126 and the Working Group 'Development and Knowledge Sociology.'

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