

The Department of Landscape, Spatial and Infrastructure Sciences, Institute of Landscape Planning is currently seeking a

Postdoctoral Research Associate project employment (Reference code: 217)

Extent of employment: 20 hours per week
Duration of employment: 1st of January 2023, limited to 31st of December 2024

Workplace: 1180 Vienna

Gross monthly salary and pay grade in terms of collective agreement for university staff (payable 14 times per year): B1 lit. b, € 2.030,80

As part of the FWF basic research project “Towards a New Radical Approach to Planning: “Taking Arendt’s Theory of Action Seriously”, we are recruiting for a post-DOC position for the duration of the project. The advertised position is embedded in an interdisciplinary research team, based at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences Vienna (Institute of Landscape Planning). Throughout the project, there will be close cooperation within the team and with different actors in planning and policy.

The project is located in the field of high-risk research and offers the possibility to break new ground in planning theory. The project team is addressing the question of how the currently seemingly irreconcilable gap between agonistic and communicative approaches to planning theory can be overcome in order to generate adequate responses to the crises of our time. To this end, the non-hierarchical concept of political action of the theorist Hanna Arendt will be transferred to spatial planning in order to rethink participatory planning from this perspective and to formulate a new radical approach to spatial planning offering both democratic, inclusive decision-making and starting points for profound structural changes. In a co-creative process with different actors in spatial planning, a new radical approach to planning will be designed and tested through case study analysis, workshops, performances and simulation games.

Responsibilities

- Participation in the research team of a third-party funded project
- Collection of project-relevant data using methods of empirical social research via case studies, literature study and processing of secondary data
- Qualitative and quantitative data analysis using spatial science methods (content analysis of documents, interpretation of primary data, mapping)
- Collaboration in the planning and implementation of workshops with a variety of actors
- Writing and publishing scientific articles in English for scientific journals
- Collaboration in project management, dissemination and outreach activities

Required skills and qualifications

- Doctoral degree/PhD in a relevant subject area or a thematically appropriate degree programme with a social science, political science or engineering orientation
- Language skills: German C2 and English C1
- Work experience in academia or at relevant research institutions
- Publication experience in the field of science
- Expertise in the field of planning theory
- Experience with social science methods
- Interest in planning theory and political science

Desirable skills and qualifications

- Experience in transdisciplinary projects
- Work experience in the mentioned disciplines
- Experience with participatory processes (planning and implementation)
- Expertise in presenting academic work at international conferences
- Pronounced teamwork and strong communication skills

Applications can be submitted until: 12th of December 2022

University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna seeks to increase the number of its female faculty and staff members. Therefore qualified women are strongly encouraged to apply. In case of equal qualification, female candidates will be given preference unless reasons specific to an individual male candidate tilt the balance in his favour.

People with disabilities and appropriate qualifications are specifically encouraged to apply.

Please send your job application incl.

- motivation letter
- CV
- Testimonials
- Doctoral thesis
- Two published papers in scientific journals
- Contact information of 2 persons who may be contacted for references

to Personnel department, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Peter-Jordan-Straße 70, 1190 Vienna; E-Mail: kerstin.buchmueller@boku.ac.at. (**Reference code: 217**)

We regret that we cannot reimburse applicants travel and lodging expenses incurred as part of the selection and hiring process.

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