

The Department of Economics and Social Sciences, Institute of Social Ecology is currently seeking a

## Postgraduate Research Associate

(Reference code 280)

**Extent of employment:** 30 hours per week

**Duration of employment:** as of now, limited to a period of 4 years

**Workplace:** 1070 Vienna, Schottenfeldgasse 29

**Allocation in compliance with the Collective Agreement for University Staff to job group:** B1

**Gross monthly salary:** (depending on previous eligible experience) at least: € 2.684,10  
(payable 14 times per year)

The Institute of Social Ecology (SEC) is a team-oriented research environment that encompasses natural and social sciences as well as humanities in the field of inter- and transdisciplinary sustainability research. The position is associated with the professorship of Social Ecology (Univ. Prof. Dr. Melanie Pichler) and is expected to conduct qualitative social science research on social-ecological transformations that is connected to quantitative and qualitative research approaches at SEC. Specifically, the person is expected to conduct an independent PhD project on political dimensions of social-ecological transformations (e.g. conflicts, power relations, policy approaches, structural barriers or potentials in specific sectors, countries and/or from specific perspectives).

## Responsibilities

- Participate in the application for third party funding
- Publish in scientific journals and present at national and international conferences
- Teach individual and collaborative courses in MA programs and participate in further education on teaching
- Participate in third mission activities
- Participate in self-governance and institutional development at the institute, department and university level

## Required skills and qualifications

- Diploma degree in social science (e.g. political science, sociology, anthropology), interdisciplinary sustainability science (e.g. ecological economics, natural resource management, political ecology) or other equivalent university degree
- Language skills: English, German

- Proven ability to conduct an independent PhD project on political dimensions of social-ecological transformations
- Experience in interdisciplinary sustainability research and motivation to work in an interdisciplinary team
- Experience in qualitative social research
- Collaborative and communicative skills for working in an interdisciplinary team
- Scientific writing and presentation skills

## Desirable skills and qualifications

- Experience in writing applications for third-party funding
- Skills for and experience in third mission (e.g. non-scientific writing, engagement in civil society initiatives)
- Didactic skills

Applications can be submitted until: 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2025

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
- Research proposal for PhD project (max. 3 pages)
- Two short texts as reading samples in German and/or English (e.g. seminar paper, blog entry, part of MA thesis)
- Contact details for (up to two) references

to Personnel Management, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences,  
Peter-Jordan-Straße 70, 1190 Vienna; E-Mail: [recruiting@boku.ac.at](mailto:recruiting@boku.ac.at). **(Reference code: 280)**

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

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