



The research project “SDGs from Below: Social Movements, Social Justice and Cultures of Power” as part of the Global Partnership Network (GPN) based at the University of Kassel is looking for a

Student Assistant (approx. 35h/month)

The job assignment starts as soon as possible and is limited to 6 months.

The successful candidate will work in the exciting field of Sustainable Development and Social Movements.

Our Project Summary: “SDGs from Below” introduces the question of bottom-up strategic goal direction and policymaking in an international context. Although the 2030 SDG agenda outlines far-reaching socio-political goals, they are often divorced from other justice claims made by social movements and suffer from deep tensions with the ecological objectives they are said to advance. We contend that a comparative, intersectional and transnational lens is required to analyze the silent Othering indirectly reproduced by debates on this international institutional framework. Our interest is to understand how global social movements shift sustainability debates and how emerging justice narratives might be influenced or marginalized by the SDG framework.

In Kassel you would work with Dr. Frauke Banse, Dr. Simone Claar and Dr. Rirhandu Mageza-Barthel. Dr. Patricia Northover is based at the University of West Indies in Jamaica. While you can generally decide when to work during the week, you should be able to attend our meetings, which usually takes place in the afternoon due to the time difference between Germany and Jamaica.

Your responsibilities will include

- Conducting a literature review
- Supporting the team with further research and analyses
- Attending regular research meetings
- Supporting the preparation of a workshop, publications and proposal writing

We offer

- an inspiring environment in an international research team that provides valuable insights into the working environment in academia
- a fixed salary for the duration of the contract according to university rates
- the opportunity to write a thesis in the context of our project

You should bring

- Current enrolment in Political Science (MA), Global Political Economy and Development (MA) or related fields
- Keen interest in the field of sustainable development, social movement and/or justice theories
- Experience in working within research projects and/or research teams

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- Excellent language skills in English (written and oral) as well as intercultural competence, good communication skills in German are an asset
- Strong analytical skills and web research experience
- Sound knowledge of MS Office applications and literature management

Please submit your application, including a CV and a one-page motivational letter, by 6th July 2021 to Shannon Johnson gpn@uni-kassel.de

If you have any further questions regarding the position, please contact Dr. Simone Claar sclaar@uni-kassel.de or Dr. Rirhandu Mageza-Barthel mageza-barthel@uni-kassel.de

You can find out more about our project and the GPN Network here: <https://www.uni-kassel.de/forschung/global-partnership-network/home>

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