

At the **International Institute (IHI) Zittau**, a Central Academic Unit, the **Chair of Ecosystem Services** offers, subject to resources being available, a fulltime position as

Research Associate / Postdoc

(Subject to personal qualification employees are remunerated according to salary group E 13 TV-L)

starting at the **next possible date**. We offer a contract for 36 months. The period of employment is governed by the Fixed Term Research Contract Act. (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz - WissZeitVG). The position offers the chance to obtain further academic qualification (e.g. habilitation thesis).

The position is part of the BMBF project MORE STEP – Mobility at risk: Sustaining the Mongolian Steppe Ecosystem. This is an interdisciplinary project aiming to investigate social-ecological dynamics in the Mongolian steppe ecosystem in order to identify irreversible changes (tipping points) and their possible consequences. In case of success of the project, the position can be extended for a further three years.

Tasks: Independent research related to MORE STEP Work package 2, led by TU Dresden, on “Regional Economics and Policy Analysis” and Work package 10 “Governance Options”. Research includes (1) understanding past socio-economic development processes and exploring possible future trends; (2) reviewing options for policy responses to the conservation and sustainable use of the steppe ecosystem and to improve the provision of local public services; (3) analysing existing policy instruments that are relevant to the steppe ecosystem’s conservation and sustainable use. Based on desk research the successful candidate will review comparable cases of steppe ecosystems under threat with a focus on natural resource governance schemes related to nomadic pastoralism. Next to environmental and conservation policy instruments applied in Mongolia, intergovernmental fiscal transfers to the local level will be studied to provide public services at decentralised levels and help improving living standards. This serves as a basis to develop governance options and suitable policy mixes for the conservation and sustainable use of the Mongolian steppe ecosystem and the improved provision of public services in rural areas.

Requirements: good or very good university degree (Masters or equivalent), preferably in economics, political, environmental and sustainability sciences or related fields; PhD in a field related to the requested research field (Environmental or Ecological Economics, Public Finance, Political Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Sustainability Sciences). The PhD thesis must have been submitted before the application deadline. Research experience in inter- and transdisciplinary working environments. High willingness to travel and to stay for extended empirical work in Mongolia (ca. 2 months). A background in quantitative and/or qualitative empirical methods, experience in scientific publishing and presentations as well as applying for and conducting third-party funded projects are of advantage Very good English language proficiency and communication skills, German language skills are of advantage.

For questions about this position please contact Prof. Irene Ring (irene.ring@tu-dresden.de, Phone +49 (0) 3583/612 4167).

Applications from women are particularly welcome. The same applies to people with disabilities. Please submit your comprehensive application by **11.01.2019** (stamped arrival date applies) preferably via the TU Dresden SecureMail Portal <https://securemail.tu-dresden.de> by sending it as a single pdf-document to irene.ring@tu-dresden.de or by mail to: **TU Dresden, Internationales Hochschulinstitut Zittau, Professur für Ökosystemare Dienstleistungen (Ecosystem Services), Frau Prof. Irene Ring, Markt 23, 02763 Zittau, Germany**. Your application should include a cover letter describing your motivation to apply, certificates, a detailed CV including publication list and the names of two references plus a copy of your two

most relevant publications. Please submit copies only, as your application will not be returned to you. Expenses incurred in attending interviews cannot be reimbursed.

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