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At the Department of Development Studies at the University of Vienna a position of

scientific project staff (doctoral student)

is vacant from mid-November 2014.

Identification of advertisement: FWF-Project

The Department of Development Studies at the University of Vienna puts its teaching and research focus on the transdisciplinary analysis and critique of global inequalities. It is concerned with theories of and approaches to social, political, economic and cultural developments in an international perspective.

As doctoral student you will be assigned to the project “**A Body-political Approach to the Study of Food – Vietnam and the global transformations**”, funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF). Focusing on Vietnam, the project aims at gaining an empirical understanding of the changing eating cultures in the context of globalisation by working on the complex nexus of body images, beauty ideals, the socio-cultural dimension and control of eating practices in a growing world of plenty and questions of food sovereignty.

The successful candidate will contribute to the Department’s transdisciplinary teaching and research programme. S/he will have the opportunity to work on a dissertation within the context of the above-mentioned project, is expected to follow the advance of scientific debate of the respective field, and should participate in didactical training during term breaks. Furthermore, s/he will participate in the administration of the institute.

Period of Employment: 36 months

Extent of Employment: 30 hours/week.

[According to FWF personnel costs:](#) doctoral candidate

Profile:

- University degree (Magistra/Magister or Master Degree or corresponding diploma) in the field of Development Studies, Development Sociology, Social Anthropology, or in a related field;
- Expertise in at least one of the following areas: Critical Gender Studies, Sociology/ Anthropology of Food, Sociology of the Body, Sociology of Consumption;
- Experience in qualitative social research;
- Willingness to engage in long-term research in Vietnam;
- Interest in transdisciplinary teaching and research.

Desirable additional qualifications:

- Pedagogical/didactical skills in the above-mentioned fields (focus on the Global South);
- Language skills/ knowledge of Southeast Asia and Vietnam are appreciated.

Please provide the following documents with your application (preferred as single PDF file):

- Letter of motivation (max. 2 pages);
- Scientific CV (including publications);
- Description of teaching and research interests;
- Concept of dissertation (max. 5 pages);
- certificate(s) of degree(s);
- Where applicable: list of courses taught;
- Where applicable: list of research projects;
- Where applicable: proof(s) of further qualification(s)/experience(s).

Applications should be referenced to the identification of this advertisement “**FWF-Project**” and be sent via E-Mail to Andrea Kremser (andrea.kremser@univie.ac.at) or to the Department of Development Studies, c/o Andrea Kremser, Sensengasse 3/2/2, 1090 Vienna, no later than **30.09.2014**.

For further information, please contact Judith Ehlert (judith.ehlert@univie.ac.at) or Andrea Kremser (+43-1-4277-23915).

The University of Vienna intends to increase the number of women on its faculty, particularly in high-level positions, and therefore specifically invites applications by women. Among equally qualified applicants, women will receive preferential consideration.