



The Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Science (WISO)/ Department of Social Sciences / Institute of Sociology invite applications for two

## RESEARCH ASSOCIATES FOR THE PROJECT “CLICCS - CLIMATE, CLIMATIC CHANGE, AND SOCIETY” IN THE FIELD OF SOCIOLOGY OF SCIENCE - SALARY LEVEL E13 TV-L -

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The positions in accordance with Section 28 subsection 3 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG) commence on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

This is a fixed-term contract in accordance with Section 2 of the academic fixed-term labor contract act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG). The term is fixed for a period of 3 years. The position calls for 65 % of standard work hours per week\*\*.

CLICCS is an ambitious research program at Universität Hamburg and its partner institutions. Funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), it is part of Germany's Excellence Strategy.

The program aims to understand climate changes, taking into account internal variability, extreme events, and unexpected side effects, addressing the natural and social spheres as well as their interactions. Thus CLICCS' overarching research question is: which climate futures are possible and which are plausible? CLICCS will investigate how climate changes and how society changes with it, thereby feeding back on climate. It will identify those climate futures that are consistent with both climate and social dynamics (possible), and those we expect to unfold with appreciable probability (plausible).

PhD candidates are members of our graduate school, which aims to help young academics thrive through all stages of their training, for more information please check the link:

<https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/en/einrichtungen/graduate-school.html>

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

Duties include academic services in the project named above. Research associates may also pursue independent research and further academic qualifications.

### SPECIFIC DUTIES:

The research associates will contribute to the analysis of scientific constructions of climate futures in the framework of the CliCCS project B1 "Social constructions of climate futures".

\* Full-time positions currently comprise 39 hours per week.

Specific duties include:

- Designing and conducting empirical research on the role of science and scientists in the construction of climate futures. One of the following relevant research interests is desirable: how scientists imagine the future through and beyond climate modeling and IPCC scenarios, their role in media communication and scientific policy advice and the co-construction of climate futures with stakeholder communities;
- Connecting and integrating their research with other research carried out in the B1 project;
- Presentation of research at international conferences and publication of research results in relevant international journals.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

A university degree in a relevant field.

- A Master's degree (or equivalent) in sociology, STS or related academic fields with very good grades
- Advanced knowledge in sociological and STS theories and debates
- Good proficiency in techniques of empirical research, esp. qualitative methods such as ethnographic methods, interview techniques and content analysis
- Prior knowledge in the sociology of the future is desirable
- Capacity for teamwork in an interdisciplinary environment
- Fluency in English (spoken and written)
- German language skills are suitable but not necessary

The University aims to increase the number of women in research and teaching and explicitly encourages women to apply. Equally qualified female applicants will receive preference in accordance with the Hamburg act on gender equality (Hamburgisches Gleichstellungsgesetz, HmbGleG).

Qualified disabled candidates or applicants with equivalent status receive preference in the application process.

For further information, please contact Prof. Dr. Simone Rödder or consult our website at <https://www.cliccs.uni-hamburg.de/research/theme-b/b1.html>. Interviews will take place in late June 2019.

Applications should include a cover letter, a research outline (max 2p.) of a sociological contribution to the B1 project (see <https://www.cliccs.uni-hamburg.de/research/theme-b/b1.html>), a curriculum vitae, and copies of degree certificate(s), submitted as one single PDF file, marked PhD B1-Rödder. Please send applications by 15th June 2019 to: [cliccs-applications.cen@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:cliccs-applications.cen@uni-hamburg.de).

Please do not submit original documents as we are **not** able to return them. Any documents submitted will be destroyed after the application process has concluded.