

External Vacancy Announcement Reg.-Nr. 4-12642/23-D **- Neuausschreibung -**

Creating Knowledge. Since 1502: Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU) offers a wide range of academic subjects in the areas of humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and medicine. The oldest and largest university in Saxony-Anhalt was created in 1817 when the University of Wittenberg (founded in 1502) merged with Friedrichs University Halle (founded in 1694). Today the university has 340 professors and 20,000 students. Research at the university focuses on nano and life sciences, the Enlightenment, society and culture.

At the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Faculty of Philosophy I, Institute for Sociology, Chair for Environmental Sociology is looking for candidates to fill the following position commencing at the earliest opportunity and limited to three years:

Research Associate on Environment and Society (f-m-d)

in part-time (65%).

Remuneration is applied up to pay group 13 TV-L, depending on the assignment of duties and fulfilment of personal requirements.

Tasks:

- Contribute to research at the Chair for Environmental Sociology that aims to understand how social change (in individuals, communities, institutions) relates to change in the environment, biodiversity, and nature.
- Advance the particular focus of the Chair that explores, tests, develops intervention methods (e.g., survey and field experiments, serious games, deliberative and creative methods) with focus on what can improve sustainability and equitability in social-ecological systems and human-environment relations.
- Lead or contribute to the work applying and advancing theories of justice, intersectionality, social learning, communication, and transformative change.
- Support or lead teaching of a course on one of the related topics and in coordination with the colleagues at the Institute for Sociology (2 SWS).
- Develop own and Chair's national and international network in environmental social sciences; contribute to publications, including in peer-reviewed academic journals, potentially as part of own doctoral research.
- Organisational and content-related support at meetings, conferences and workshops; preparation of project proposals; and administrative self-administration in teaching, research and networking.
- The possibility of further academic qualification is given (completion of a doctorate).

Requirements:

- A Master's degree in Environmental Social Sciences, which can include Behavioural and/or Institutional Economics, Sociology, Political Sciences, Resource Management, Development Studies, International Relations/Studies or a related field with focus on social-environmental issues.
- Strong interest in the topics of environment and justice on the one hand, and societal change from individual to institutional levels, on the other hand.
- Research and methodological skills in investigating topics related to environmental sociology (e.g., experiences in developing, conducting and analysing interviews and/or surveys with various actors, as well as skills in literature reviews or comparative analyses) are a strong asset. Yet opportunities will be explored to match particular strengths of the selected candidate.



- Experience in research, as well as teaching, particularly on topics at the intersection between environment and society, is an asset.
- Motivation to work independently and in a team with a high degree of creativity and personal initiative.
- Strong diplomacy and communication skills in English, particularly to maintain relations in international networks. Knowledge of German is an advantage.

Applications from persons with severe disabilities will be given preferential treatment if they are equally suitable and qualified. Women are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants with a degree that was not obtained at a German university must submit a Statement of Comparability for Foreign Higher Education Qualifications from the Central Office for Foreign Education (<https://www.kmk.org/zab/central-office-for-foreign-education.html>) as proof of equivalence.

For any questions, please contact Jun.-Prof. Dr. Ilkhom Soliev, phone: +49 345-55-24177, e-mail: ilkhom.soliev@soziologie.uni-halle.de.

Please send your application, quoting the reg. no. 4-12642/23-D with a letter of motivation, curriculum vitae, including the list of publications if any, a two-page research concept, certificates, and other relevant documents preferably in English by May 20, 2024 to the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Institute for Sociology, Jun.-Prof. Dr. Ilkhom Soliev, 06099 Halle (Saale) or via e-mail to Jun.-Prof. Dr. Ilkhom Soliev ilkhom.soliev@soziologie.uni-halle.de and Ms. Anna Tihonova at anna.tihonova@soziologie.uni-halle.de – summarised in a single PDF file no larger than 5 MB.

The call is made under reserve of potential budgetary restrictions.

Application costs will not be reimbursed by Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg. Application documents will only be returned if a sufficiently stamped envelope is enclosed. Electronic application is encouraged.