

Faculty/Department: Business, Economics and Social Science (WISO)
Seminar/Institute: Sociology, Department of Socioeconomics

Universität Hamburg invites applications for a Research Associate in the field of **global climate governance**, within the Cluster of Excellence “**CliCCS – Climate, Climatic Change, and Society**”, Project B2 – Dynamics of Climate Governance: Norms, Contestation, and Policies, in accordance with Section 28 subsection 3 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG). The position commences on 1st April 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter.

CliCCS is an ambitious research program at Universität Hamburg and strong 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).

The fixed-term nature of this contract is based upon Section 2 of the academic fixed-term labor contract act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG). The term is fixed for a period of 3 years. It is remunerated at the salary level TV-L 13 and calls for 65 % of standard work hours per week*.

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, HmbGleiG).

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: [Graduate School](#)

Responsibilities:

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

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

Specific Duties:

The person holding the post will contribute to the analysis of ongoing transformations in global climate governance after the 2015 Paris agreement on climate change. This includes:

- Independently designing and conducting empirical research on the practical implementation of the global review & resubmission process of voluntary climate policy commitments by states and non-state actors;
- Connecting and integrating his/her research with other research carried out in the B2 project;
- Publication of research results in relevant international journals.

Requirements:

Academic skills

- A Master's degree (or equivalent) in sociology, political science, international relations or related academic fields with good / very good grades.
- Good proficiency in techniques of empirical research, esp. qualitative methods such as participant observation, ethnographic methods, interview techniques, discourse and/or content analysis
- Prior knowledge in the sociology of international relations, global governance, and/or the role of non-state actors in environmental policy is desirable

Personal skills

- Capacity for teamwork in an interdisciplinary environment
- Fluency in English (spoken and written)
- German language skills are suitable but not necessary

Severely disabled applicants will receive preference over equally qualified non-disabled applicants.

For further information, please contact Jun-Prof. Stefan C. Aykut, stefan.aykut@uni-hamburg.de or consult our website at <https://www.cliccs.uni-hamburg.de/>.

Applications should include a **cover letter**, a **research outline** (max 3p.) in line with the B2 project (see <https://www.cliccs.uni-hamburg.de/en/research/theme-b/b2.html>), a **curriculum vitae**, and **copies of degree certificate(s)**, submitted as **one single PDF** file. The application deadline is **24. February 2019**. Please send applications to: stefan.aykut@uni-hamburg.de.