



The University of Göttingen has a position opening for a

## **Post-Doctoral Researcher in Agricultural Economics**

**(all genders welcome)**

to join the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Division of Environmental and Resource Economics, Chair of Prof. Meike Wollni. The position is associated with the Research Training Group (RTG) 2654 “Sustainable Food Systems” funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

The position should be filled immediately. The regular working hours will be 100% (currently 39.8 hours per week), the salary is in accordance with the German public service salary scale E13 TVL. The position is limited to three years with an option of prolongation for up to three more years according to the WissZeitVG (the German public law for employees in the academic sector). This is a qualification position for junior researchers pursuing an academic career after the PhD degree. The research focus of the position is aligned with both the Chair of Prof. Wollni as well as the RTG.

The position involves interdisciplinary research on questions related to “Sustainable Food Systems”. Food and agriculture are playing key roles for many of the global challenges such as poverty, undernutrition, climate change, and biodiversity loss. It is obvious that the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) cannot be achieved without major changes in food production and consumption. But what types of changes are useful and how these changes can be implemented politically, economically, and socially are open questions that will be addressed in the RTG. The program, with PIs from the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and the Faculty of Business and Economics, is implemented in cooperation with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington DC and KU Leuven in Belgium. The position is based in Göttingen (Germany), but will require international travel for data collection and exchange with collaborators. Questions regarding the position can be addressed to Prof. Meike Wollni ([mwollni1@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:mwollni1@uni-goettingen.de)).

The duties of the position are:

- Independent research in cooperation with members of the RTG with the aim to increase the research output (in terms of publications) and the visibility of the RTG;
- Contribution to the strategic development of the research focus of the RTG;
- Support of the speaker (Prof. Wollni) in terms of research at the chair and the RTG;
- Support of the speaker in terms of teaching and general tasks (in German and English);
- Supervision of students with their theses (Bachelor, Master and PhD level) at the chair and poss. at the RTG (in German and English);

Your profile:

- Outstanding Master’s degree (or equivalent) and a PhD degree (completed or close to completion) in agricultural economics or a related discipline;
- Experience with relevant research methods in (environmental) economics and the link to natural sciences as well as interdisciplinary and international cooperation;
- Experience with quantitative econometric research methods on sustainable food systems, impact analysis, valuation of ecosystem services, ecological-economic trade-offs, policy evaluation;
- Experience with own data collection in an international context in South-East Asia, Africa, and/or Latin America;
- Teaching experience (in German and English);
- Excellent command of the English language and good knowledge of the German language or the willingness to acquire good German language skills;

- Experiences to conduct independent research including a good publication record;
- Experience in interdisciplinary cooperation in an international and intercultural team.

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