

**RWI - Leibniz Institute for Economic Research** is an independent, non-profit research institution in Essen, Germany. The institute is a leading center for scientific research and evidence-based policy advice in Germany. RWI's newly founded Policy Lab "Climate Change, Development and Migration" conducts research on environmental policies, labor markets, and migration in the Global South as well as economics of immigration in the Global North. In a range of applied research projects, the policy lab cooperates closely with a wide network of academic partners, governments, and international organizations. The group is also engaged in the meta-science and research transparency debate. The unifying objective is to improve the effectiveness of pro-poor climate, development and migration policies.

RWI is inviting applications for a

## **Postdoctoral Position (m/f/d, 100% for 3 years)**

in the new Policy Lab "**Climate Change, Development and Migration**".

The position will be part of a new research project that conducts a rigorous impact evaluation of an agricultural insurance in Vietnam, funded by the German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval) and in cooperation with the German Development Bank KfW and University Göttingen. The project will focus on a market-ready agricultural insurance product for smallholder farm households. The project aims at generating evidence on whether insurance uptake increases household income and on whether access to information stimulates the demand for insurance. To do so, the project will implement several randomized controlled trials and collect household survey data in Vietnam.

### **Your tasks:**

- Contributing to carrying out a rigorous impact evaluation of agricultural insurance, designing a household survey and designing randomized field experiments
- Writing scientific papers based on the impact evaluation
- Carrying out field visits to rural Vietnam to prepare and monitor the implementation of the field experiments and household survey data collection
- Cooperate closely with University of Göttingen, KfW and the insurance industry
- Finish work in your pipeline: The position encourages and facilitates the production of high-quality papers in applied development economics and development studies

### **Your profile:**

- You have a PhD or are close to completing a PhD in Economics (or related social sciences with a solid quantitative training) and excellent prospects for publications. Your research agenda is in the field of applied development economics. A focus on climate change adaptation is an asset but not mandatory
- You have a strong interest in rigorous impact evaluations of policies and, ideally, have some prior experience in conducting impact evaluations
- You have excellent communication skills and intercultural sensibility and enjoy collaborating with partners from science and practice
- You have a strong background in applied econometrics; prior experience with analyzing household survey data is an asset
- You have an excellent command of English and strong writing skills. Knowledge of German is an advantage but not mandatory

**We offer:**

- A vibrant research environment, encouraging innovative and ambitious research ideas
- Fruitful and methodologically ambitious exchange and independent project leadership
- Presentation of research results at international conferences and publishing in leading academic journals are strongly promoted
- Internal and external research collaborations
- Direct collaboration with stakeholders from the development cooperation sector (including KfW) and the insurance sector
- We encourage and facilitate teaching at Ruhr University Bochum, but this is not mandatory
- Fully funded position (see below)

The position is based in Essen/Germany and starts in May 2023 or as soon as possible. Details can be arranged in consultation with the candidate. Please send any inquiries regarding the position to Prof. Dr. Kati Krähnert ([kraehnert@rwi-essen.de](mailto:kraehnert@rwi-essen.de)) and regarding the formal application to Tilo Schneider ([humanresources@rwi-essen.de](mailto:humanresources@rwi-essen.de)). We offer a working contract limited to three years with an option to extend. Compensation and benefits are based on the German public service pay scale (100% TV-L up to E14). The observance of the guidelines for the disabled and the provisions of the law on part-time work are guaranteed. We promote gender equality. To apply, send your CV, a short cover letter, an academic writing sample, a reference letter (which can be included in your application documents), and certificates quoting the **reference number 70900-16/23** before **April 21, 2023** to

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For further information on RWI and the research units constituting the policy lab

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Essen, March 30, 2023