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Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Doctoral Researcher (f/m/x) – Entrepreneurship and structural change: a long-term panel project in Thailand and Vietnam

Institute of Geography

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Your doctoral project will be embedded in the long-term project Thailand Vietnam Socio Economic Panel (TVSEP) and is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). TVSEP is a comprehensive primary panel data set starting 2006 of nearly 4,400 rural households in 440 villages and promotes research on topics such as long-term effects of shocks, migration and rural transformation (www.TVSEP.de).

YOUR TASKS

- » In-depth analysis of the role of entrepreneurship for regional diversification and structural change (emergence of new regional paths and their inter-relationships with existing industries) in rural Thailand and Vietnam
- » Assisting in the design and implementation of the planned household surveys in the field
- » Writing of a doctoral thesis and contributions to academic publications related to the project
- » Presenting research findings at conferences and workshops

YOUR PROFILE

- » M.Sc. or equivalent degree in Economic Geography, Development Geography, Economics or Regional Science
- » Excellent knowledge of basic theories and concepts of Economic Geography/Regional Science and quantitative methods (econometric skills with panel data) and experience in field work, preferably in Asia
- » Excellent command of written and spoken English
- » Ability and willingness to travel independently for extended periods of time
- » Good knowledge of necessary software (e.g. STATA, R, GIS), publication skills
- » Flexible, team-oriented and interested in continuing your professional development

WE OFFER

- » A well-equipped workplace at the Institute of Geography
- » A diverse working environment with equal opportunities
- » Support in balancing work and family life
- » Extensive advanced training opportunities
- » Occupational health management offers
- » Flexible working time models

The University of Cologne is committed to equal opportunities and diversity. Women are especially encouraged to apply and will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome applications from people with disabilities / special needs or of equal status.

The position is available from 01.04.2024 on a part-time basis (29,87 hours per week). The position is to be filled for a fixed term until 31.03.2027. If the applicant meets the relevant wage requirements and personal qualifications, the salary will be based on remuneration group 13 TV-L of the pay scale for the German public sector.

Please send your application with proof of the required qualifications without a photo online to: <https://jobportal.uni-koeln.de>. The reference number is Wiss2401-II. The application deadline is 31.01.2024. For further inquiries, please contact Prof. Dr. Javier Revilla Diez (j.revilladiez@uni-koeln.de).