Post-doctoral researcher (full time for up to six years): Social sciences perspectives on sustainability transformations in land-use and food systems

Become part of a team dedicated to transdisciplinary sustainability research in a land-use and food context at one of Germany's most beautiful universities!

The position is at the Division of Societal Transition and Agriculture at the Agricultural Faculty of the University of Hohenheim. Rooted in social sciences and particularly drawing on the concepts of cultural landscapes and social-ecological resilience, our aim is to advance understanding of the complex challenges regarding the sustainability of today's land-use and food systems, and to develop and support transformation processes which respond to these challenges. Our work follows a system thinking approach that reflects the interconnectedness of the issues at stake. We aim to reveal the contested and dynamic values and interests of different societal groups and to provide a platform for fostering exchange, mutual understanding and conflict resolution. The position offers exciting opportunities to contribute to this endeavour and advance your research and teaching profile in a vibrant environment.

Responsibilities
For about 50% of your time, you will be carrying out research on a self-selected topic in the field of sustainability transformations in a land-use or food context. For the rest of the time, you will be developing, organizing and teaching courses mostly for students in our international Master programmes (in connection with your individual expertise). This will primarily cover the module "Global Agri-food Systems: Conventional, Organic and Beyond" (drawing on Food Regime Theory) and a yet to develop module "Transformation Studies". Teaching load is three hours per week (four SWS in the German system). Supervising students, as well as carrying out academic services (e.g. preparation of research proposals, project management) will also be part of your tasks.

Qualifications
We are looking for a person who:
- holds a Master-level university degree in a relevant field (e.g. agricultural sciences, environmental sciences, sociology, human geography),
- holds a PhD degree or has several years of experience in carrying out research projects,
- is experienced in publishing for an international scientific audience,
- has a thorough background in social-empirical research methods and a strong interest in participatory/transdisciplinary formats,
- is able to teach engaging courses for international students at Master level, and
- is willing and able to work in a team contributing to an open-minded, creative and mutually supportive environment.
- Knowledge of German is an asset, but not mandatory.

Employment conditions
The university offers a temporary full-time public service position (German pay scale E13 TV-L) with all associated social security benefits. Employment is fixed for three years; an extension of another three years is possible. Start date is July 1, 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter. The University of Hohenheim is an equal opportunity employer. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. Splitting of full-time positions is possible if fulfilment of duties is not affected. With equal qualifications, preference will be given to candidates with disabilities.

Application
The deadline for applications is April 25, 2021. The application should include a motivation letter, an outline of the research you would like to conduct in the upcoming years (max. three pages), a complete CV, copies of university certificates, and any other documentation that may be of interest (e.g. relevant publications). Please also include names and contact information of two academic referees.

Please submit your application in a single pdf-file to the Job Portal of University of Hohenheim (see also at https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/stellenangebote). Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Enquires with regard to the position may be directed to Prof. Dr. C. Bieling (claudia.bieling@uni-hohenheim.de).