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At the next possible date, we are looking for a

**2 (Senior) Research Associates (m/f/d) (100%)**
for the project “Geopolitics of the Energy Transformation: Hydrogen”
Ref. No.: GET_Hydrogen_2021-01

**About the project:**

The German government has formulated an ambitious hydrogen strategy and hopes to gain a leadership position in this emerging sector, while promoting the decarbonization of the global energy system. Against this background, the project entitled “Geopolitics of the Global Energy Transformation: Hydrogen” and financed by the Federal Foreign Office will explore possible techno-economic pathways within a global hydrogen economy and analyze their geoeconomic and geopolitical implications. This will include an analysis of international policy strategies of major frontrunner countries as well as developments in key African countries. The project will generate high-quality analytical outputs, which will be published in scientific and policy-oriented outlets. Moreover, the project will include a dialogue process with national and international stakeholders. It is a joint project with SWP (the German Institute for International and Security Affairs).

**Profile:**

The successful candidates will be interested in empirically-driven and interdisciplinary research in the realm of the global energy transition with a particular focus on questions of geopolitics, geoeconomics, international political economy, global policy and governance.

**The successful candidates will:**

- Lead the IASS contribution on the analysis of global frontrunners OR the African region
- Develop and implement an expert survey on global techno-economic pathways OR developments on the African continent
- Conduct in-depth country studies on the international policy strategies of key frontrunner countries OR key African countries
- Commission additional country studies to be conducted by external researchers
- Contribute to joint publications in peer-reviewed journals, policy briefs, blogs, and other outlets
- Plan and implement dialogue events with think thanks and stakeholders with the support of a team of student assistants and the events team at IASS Potsdam
- Communicate the results to decision makers in the policy world, business and public bodies, as well as in social media
- Represent the project at conferences and events and within the project consortium

**Qualifications:**

- A university degree or PhD in political science/political economy, economics; innovation, development studies or related fields
Requirements:

- Good knowledge in the area of the global energy transition, ideally with a focus on hydrogen
- Experience with policy processes and/or policy/political economy analysis
- An interest in empirical and problem-focused research
- Distinct skills in qualitative and/or quantitative research methods
- An ability to work independently, creatively, and effectively
- A commitment to teamwork
- A very good command of English; German language skills are a plus
- Readiness to travel internationally for the project

What we offer:

- The opportunity to work on a high-profile project with a strong commitment from the Federal Foreign Office
- An interdisciplinary team at one of Germany’s most renowned research institutes for sustainability studies with several ongoing projects on the global energy transition and the global hydrogen economy.
- Excellent contacts to national, European, and international research institutions, organizations and decision markers
- An attractive, diverse, and international work environment
- Flexible working hours

The position is full time and remunerated in accordance with the federal German salary scheme (E 13 TVöD (Bund)). Part time is possible. The position will be filled by spring/summer of 2021. The position is initially limited until June 2022 (for administrative reasons), but it is foreseen to be extended for the duration of the project, which is fully funded until December 31, 2023. The place of work is Potsdam, Germany.

The IASS seeks to achieve gender equality and diversity. We therefore encourage applications from candidates of diverse backgrounds and genders. In accordance with Section 8 of the Federal Act on Gender Equality (BGleiG), female applicants will be given preferential consideration when their level of qualification, competence and professional achievements equals that of male candidates. Applications of disabled persons with equal qualifications will be regarded favorably.

How to apply:

Applications, including a motivation letter (indicating their preference regarding a focus on frontrunner countries or key African countries), a CV, copies of certificates and a writing sample (e.g. a peer-reviewed article), should be sent as one PDF file (max 5MB) and by e-mail only to Darina Karaivanova-Saase (Darina.Karaivanova-Saase@iass-potsdam.de). We expressly welcome applications submitted without a photograph or other references to your nationality, ethnicity, or marital status. Please refer to the reference number given above. Inquiries about the position should be directed to the same email address. The deadline for applications is **May 31st, 2021**.

By submitting your application, you consent to the processing of your personal data for the purpose of the application process. Your data will be deleted after a max. of six months. If we are interested in storing your application data beyond this based on your application profile, we will inform you about this and obtain your consent. For more information, see [https://www.iass-potsdam.de/sites/default/files/2019-10/GDPR_Job_Applications.pdf](https://www.iass-potsdam.de/sites/default/files/2019-10/GDPR_Job_Applications.pdf)

Travel costs cannot be reimbursed. Given the current pandemic situation, interviews via Zoom are envisaged.