



The Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V. (IASS) is financed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Federal State of Brandenburg. The IASS conducts research with the goal of understanding, advancing, and guiding processes of societal change towards sustainable development. In order to develop a common understanding of sustainability challenges and generate potential solutions the IASS collaborates with diverse actors from science, policymaking and public administration as well as business and civil society. It pursues a research approach that is transformative, transdisciplinary and co-creative. Further information about the IASS can be accessed under [www.iass-potsdam.de/en](http://www.iass-potsdam.de/en)

**The IASS invites applications for a position as  
Postdoctoral Researcher (100%) (f/m/d) in the research group on  
Climate Geoengineering.**

Reference Number: CE-2021-01

The successful applicant will build on and expand the Climate Engineering in Context (CEC) conference series that IASS has been hosting since 2014. The postdoc will work collaboratively with the other members of the research group to combine research on the problem framings, scope, and terms of debate that dominate discussions of the science, politics, and ethics of climate geoengineering, with the design and implementation of innovative, transdisciplinary formats for convening inclusive discussions that work against a premature narrowing-down of questions, perspectives, and modes of deliberation in this highly consequential and controversial field.

The resulting insights will be actively disseminated to help foster more expansive engagements with technologies for managing the planetary environment across diverse communities, standpoints, and moral imaginations, and to inform public discussion and political decision-making.

The postdoc will work under the guidance of the research group leader Dr. Stefan Schäfer and IASS scientific director Prof. Dr. Mark Lawrence.

Applicants are expected to hold a doctoral degree. Competitive candidates will have experience in working with concepts from science and technology studies, a successful research record including the proven ability to publish in peer reviewed journals, and experience in balancing intellectual and organizational work.

**Responsibilities:**

- Design, implement and evaluate transdisciplinary events, with the support of the IASS events and press & communications teams
- Manage event budgets in close coordination with the research group leader
- Lead the preparation of peer reviewed publications
- Foster exchange and collaborations with national and international partners
- Supervise student assistants
- Further develop and maintain the project website
- Support the research group leader, for example in the preparation of third-party funding proposals
- Disseminate project findings at workshops and conferences
- Participate in meetings and activities of the Climate Engineering research group, and in IASS events



**Qualifications:**

- PhD is required, preferably in science and technology studies, political science, cultural anthropology, law, history, philosophy, or a related field.

**Highly desirable:**

- Experience in working with concepts from science and technology studies
- English and German language skills
- Proven ability to publish in peer reviewed journals
- Experience in organizing events, including project management, budgeting and media outreach
- Strong ability to function well in international collaborations, and to develop and maintain productive working relationships with a wide range of stakeholders across perspectives and standpoints

Funding is available for a full-time position (100%) beginning in October 2021. The contract is initially limited until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, with the possibility of extension. The starting date is negotiable and part-time work is generally possible. Remuneration is in accordance with the German salary group E13 TVöD (Bund). The place of work is Potsdam, Germany.

The IASS seeks to achieve gender equality and diversity. We encourage applicants of diverse backgrounds. Applications of disabled persons with equal qualifications will be regarded favorably.

If you are interested in this position, we look forward to receiving your application, including:

- a cover letter that states your interest in the project, relevant experience, and when you would be available to start;
- your CV;
- a writing sample (e.g., a journal publication or dissertation chapter);
- the names of two referees (letters will be solicited at the interview stage of the application process).

Please submit your complete application, combined in a single PDF file no larger than 5 MB, to **Cordula Granderath** ([cordula.granderath@iass-potsdam.de](mailto:cordula.granderath@iass-potsdam.de)) using the Reference Number given above. Review of applications will commence on June 28<sup>th</sup> and will continue until the position is filled.

For further information and details on this position please contact **Dr. Stefan Schäfer** ([stefan.schaefer@iass-potsdam.de](mailto:stefan.schaefer@iass-potsdam.de)).

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)

If personal interviews are scheduled, travel costs cannot be reimbursed. Telephone interviews (Skype, Zoom) are possible.