



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 is looking for a Post-Doctoral Researcher (100%) (f/m/d)**

Reference Number: CDRSynTra-2021-01

The successful applicant will be part of the "Carbon Dioxide Removal Synthesis and Transfer Project" (CDRSynTra), an interdisciplinary consortium of leading German researchers funded by the German Ministry for Education and Research (more information on the consortium is [here](#)), and will work in the sub-project "Governance, Synthesis, Co-creation". The project will be carried out within the IASS research group "Planetary Geopolitics and Geoengineering" under the guidance of research group leader Dr. Stefan Schäfer and IASS scientific director Prof. Dr. Mark Lawrence. It is expected that the post-doctoral researcher will work in close exchange and, where sensible, collaborate with other CDRSynTra sub-projects toward the successful implementation of the overall project.

The successful applicant will draw on concepts from science and technology studies (STS) and related fields to conduct research on contemporary developments in carbon dioxide removal (CDR), including mitigation deterrence effects, and on historical analogues, such as the regulation of energetic biomass or measures for re- and afforestation, to analyze the regulatory, civic, and normative dimensions of CDR in Germany and the EU.

Applicants are expected to hold a doctoral degree in the social sciences or humanities and have experience in working with concepts from STS and related methods.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Advance the conceptual and empirical research agenda of the project
- Lead the preparation of peer reviewed publications
- Support the planning and implementation of stakeholder workshops
- Present the research project and its results at workshops and conferences
- Participate in meetings of the consortium
- Project management, including budget planning and reporting on spending
- Participate in the meetings and activities of the IASS Planetary Geopolitics research group

#### **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
- Strong ability to function well in interdisciplinary collaborations, and to develop and maintain productive working relationships with a wide range of stakeholders across perspectives and standpoints

The position is a 36-month, full-time position (100%), available immediately. The start date is flexible. Part-time work is generally possible. The contract is initially limited until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, with the possibility of extension until the end of the project (36 months after project start). This is due to the IASS's current transition from project funding (until end of 2022) to institutional funding (starting 2023), which needs to be further formalized before contracts beyond 2022 can be offered.

Remuneration is in accordance with the German salary group E13 TVöD (Bund). The place of work is Potsdam, Germany. Remote work from outside of Germany is not possible.

The IASS seeks to achieve gender equality and diversity. We encourage applicants of diverse backgrounds and genders. Applications submitted by severely disabled persons with equal qualification and aptitude will be given preferential consideration in accordance with the German Social Code (IX).

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, **no later than January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022** to **Cordula Granderath** ([cordula.granderath@iass-potsdam.de](mailto:cordula.granderath@iass-potsdam.de)) using the Ref. No. given above. Ensuring equal opportunities is integral to the Institute's recruitment processes. We expressly welcome applications submitted without a photograph or other references to your nationality, ethnicity, or marital status. Please specify in your application how you became aware of the offered position at the IASS.

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 in principle.