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Dear all,

please see below the call for applications for a job in the Arctic project at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) in Potsdam.

The call for applications can also be accessed under the following links:

English: http://www.iass-potsdam.de/sites/default/files/files/glocast_stellenausschreibung_uba-arktis_20-06-2017_eng.pdf

German: http://www.iass-potsdam.de/sites/default/files/files/glocast_stellenausschreibung_uba-arktis_20-06-2017.pdf

The Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V. (IASS) is an international, interdisciplinary center of excellence located in Potsdam, Germany. The IASS is financed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Federal State of Brandenburg and devoted to promoting science and research for global sustainability, particularly in the areas of climate change, the earth system and the development of new technologies and social pathways to sustainability. Further information about the IASS can be accessed under www.iass-potsdam.de/en.

Applications are sought for the position of

Research Associate (50%) (m/f)

Reference Number UMWELT-ARKTIS-2017-01

The successful applicant will contribute to the project **“Umweltleitlinien deutscher Arktispolitik (Environmental guidelines of German Arctic policy)”** under the supervision of Dr. Kathrin Stephen.

With this project, the IASS together with partners develop environmental policy guidelines for activities in the Arctic as well as research papers on topics related to the Arctic environment. The project is thus explicitly located at the interface of science and policy. Concretely, the papers address the topics Arctic shipping and related challenges, the Polar Code, and Arctic tourism. They are developed in close cooperation with

stakeholders from politics, business and society. In addition to the presentation of the current state of research, the current governance framework of Arctic environmental policy issues is explicitly addressed, including Germany's current and future influence in these institutions.

A special focus is put on the role of Germany as an actor in the Arctic, related environmental impacts thereof, and possibilities of Germany to reduce such impacts. The goal of the project is thus to make academic expertise on the Arctic from political science and law useful for political decision-makers.

Tasks:

- Preparation and implementation of independent research in form of writing three research papers on topics related to the Arctic environment with a focus on Arctic shipping, further development of the Polar Code, and Arctic tourism.
- Provide support in drafting policy guidelines on German environmental policy in the Arctic as well as in analyzing the governance framework of Arctic environmental policy issues and German influence therein.
- Organization of and participation in expert discussions.
- Provide support in preparing and implementing a workshop on the Arctic in 2018.
- Contribution to drafting the final report.
- Close cooperation and coordination with IASS teams working on the Arctic.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's and Master's degrees or equivalent in political science, international relations, international law or in another closely related social science discipline; applications from candidates with a minimum qualification at the Bachelor's level combined with relevant working experience may be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- Familiarity with environmental politics, especially in relation to marine regions.
- Good knowledge of Arctic politics and governance, especially German Arctic policies and structure and function of the Arctic Council.
- Familiarity with drafting of policy-relevant documents desirable.
- Communicative, expressive and open; strength in visual forms of presentation is an advantage.
- A high degree of creativity and personal initiative.
- Excellent spoken and written communication skills in German and English are required.
- Ability to work independently and in a team is required.

- Competency in MS Office.

What we offer:

- The opportunity to work in a dynamic, multicultural, inter- and transdisciplinary research environment in the field of sustainability science in general, and Arctic policy in particular;
- Excellent contact with a range of national, European, and international organizations, research institutes, and think tanks.

The position is part-time (50%), available from autumn 2017; the exact entry date is negotiable. The position is limited in time until 30 June 2019. Remuneration is in accordance with the German salary group E13 TVöD (Bund). The place of work is Potsdam, Germany.

IASS seeks to increase the number of women in those areas where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply. 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 letter of motivation, CV and one writing sample in English (max. 10 pages). Please submit your complete application, combined in a single PDF file no larger than 5 MB, **no later than 14 July 2017** to Tanja Baines (tanja.baines@iass-potsdam.de) using the Ref. No. given above. 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. Kathrin Stephen** (tel.: [+49 331 28822-364](tel:+4933128822364), kathrin.stephen@iass-potsdam.de).