



As a University of Excellence, Universität Hamburg is one of the strongest research universities in Germany. As a flagship university in the greater Hamburg region, it nurtures innovative, cooperative contacts to partners within and outside academia. It also provides and promotes sustainable education, knowledge, and knowledge exchange locally, nationally, and internationally.

The Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences, Department of Social Sciences, especially Globalization, Environment and Society invites applications for a

## RESEARCH ASSOCIATE FOR THE PROJECT

### “CLICCS - CLIMATE, CLIMATIC CHANGE, AND SOCIETY”

#### B4: FROM COMPANY RESPONSES TO DECARBONIZATION OF THE ECONOMY

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The position in accordance with Section 28 subsection 3 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG) commences on January 1, 2020.

This is a fixed-term contract in accordance with Section 2 of the academic fixed-term labor contract act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG). The term is fixed for a period of 36 months. The position calls for 65 % of standard work hours per week\*\*.

CLICCS is an ambitious research program at Universität Hamburg and its partner institutions. Funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), it is part of Germany's Excellence Strategy.

The program aims to understand climate changes, taking into account internal variability, extreme events, and unexpected side effects, addressing the natural and social spheres as well as their interactions. Thus CLICCS' overarching research question is: which climate futures are possible and which are plausible? CLICCS will investigate how climate changes and how society changes with it, thereby feeding back on climate. It will identify those climate futures that are consistent with both climate and social dynamics (possible), and those we expect to unfold with appreciable probability (plausible).

PhD candidates are members of our graduate school, which aims to help young academics thrive through all stages of their training, for more information please check the link: [Graduate School](#)

\* Full-time positions currently comprise 39 hours per week.

## RESPONSIBILITIES:

Duties include academic services in the project named above. Research associates may also pursue independent research and further academic qualifications.

## SPECIFIC DUTIES:

Project B4 will be based on a company panel for a qualitative long-term observation of companies' carbon strategies, most probably in Germany, USA, South Africa, Brazil, Japan and China. Based on approaches of economic sociology, the PhD candidate is expected to conduct case studies on several of these companies and to develop a PhD project in line with the broader project's research questions on the deep decarbonization of the economy.

## REQUIREMENTS:

A university degree in a relevant field, preferably in sociology. A good background in economic sociology is expected. Excellent language skills in English, written and spoken, are a necessary requirement. Additional language skills in either Portuguese, Japanese or Mandarin would be an advantage, likewise experiences in the application of appropriate research methodologies.

The University aims to increase the number of women in research and teaching and explicitly encourages qualified women to apply. Equally qualified female applicants will receive preference in accordance with the Hamburg act on gender equality (Hamburgisches Gleichstellungsgesetz, HmbGleiG).

Qualified disabled candidates or applicants with equivalent status receive preference in the application process.

For further information, please contact [anita.engels@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:anita.engels@uni-hamburg.de) or consult our website at <https://www.cliccs.uni-hamburg.de/>.

Applications should include a cover letter, a tabular curriculum vitae, and copies of degree certificate(s). Please send applications (1 PDF) by November 30, 2019 to: [cliccs-applications.cen@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:cliccs-applications.cen@uni-hamburg.de).

Please do not submit original documents as we are **not** able to return them. Any documents submitted will be destroyed after the application process has concluded.