

Doctoral Researcher (f/m/x) - DFG Project „Construction Pioneers. Building Innovation in Upland Northern Laos (CoPi)“

Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology

We are one of the largest and oldest universities in Europe and one of the most important employers in our region. Our broad range of subjects, the dynamic development of our main research areas and our central location in Cologne make us attractive for students and researchers from around the world. We offer a wide range of career opportunities in science, technology, and administration.

CoPi is an anthropological research project that aims at studying the agents of architectural transformations with a specific focus on housing change in the rural uplands of northern Laos, an area experiencing unprecedented changes in the built environment. The project is headed by Dr Rosalie Stolz, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology.

YOUR TASKS

- » Developing a doctoral project within the framework of CoPi with a strong focus on agents of architectural change
- » Conducting ethnographic fieldwork for 12 to 15 months in northern Laos
- » Data collection and analysis
- » Presentation of results in the form of regular reports, lectures and publications
- » Participating in regular project meetings
- » Supporting the organization of academic and policy events (conferences, workshops, working meetings)

YOUR PROFILE

- » Completed master's degree (MA) in Ethnology / Social and Cultural Anthropology (or related disciplines)
- » Willingness to conduct several months of ethnographic research in Laos; familiarity with the research area will be beneficial
- » Excellent knowledge of English is required; knowledge of Lao or Thai is not required but beneficial; knowledge of German or willingness to learn German for communication purposes is desired
- » Interest in houses, architecture, and materiality is expected

WE OFFER

- » Integration in the University's Global South Studies Center
- » A diverse working environment with equal opportunities
- » Support in balancing work and family life
- » Extensive advanced training opportunities
- » Occupational health management offers
- » Flexible working time model

The University of Cologne is committed to equal opportunities and diversity. Women are especially encouraged to apply and will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Gender Equality Act of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome people with disabilities/special needs or of equal status.

The position is available from 01 October 2023 on a part-time basis (19,92 hours per week). It is limited until 30 September 2026. If the applicant meets the relevant wage requirements and personal qualifications, the salary will be based on remuneration group 13 TV-L of the pay scale for the German public sector.

Please apply with proof of the required qualifications without a photo via e-mail: rosalie.stolz@uni-koeln.de. The reference number is Wiss2306-16. The application deadline is 25.08.2023.

For further inquiries, please contact Dr Rosalie Stolz (rosalie.stolz@uni-koeln.de).