The Institute of Environmental Planning invites applications for a

**PhD position to investigate social challenges of nature based solutions (Salary Scale 13 TV-L, 50%)**

to be appointed as soon as possible. The position is part-time (50%) and limited to up to 5 years.

Successful applicants will contribute to the research group PlanSmart, exploring innovative approaches to planning and implementing nature-based solutions for resilient development of metropolitan regions. PlanSmart focusses on water-borne challenges, cooperates with the Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF) and is funded through the program for Social-Ecological Research by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

**Responsibilities**
Responsibilities include investigating social effects of nature-based solutions, including an analysis of institutional context conditions, preferences of local actors, social success factors and barriers as well as contributions to social objectives and human well-being. Furthermore, the position will evaluate if transdisciplinary planning process can contribute to transformative research. A PhD should be strived for. The dissertation will be co-advised by Prof. Dr. Barlösius, Leibniz Universität Hannover.

**Employment conditions**
To qualify for the position, applicants must hold an above average Master's or M.A. degree in social sciences with specific expertise in transformative research evaluation. Further requirements include a demonstrated motivation to contribute to an inter-and transdisciplinary research project in cooperation with international project partners. Good communication skills and a very good command of English and German is required.

As an equal opportunities employer, Leibniz Universität Hannover intends to promote women and men in the context of statutory requirements. For this reason suitably qualified women are specifically invited to apply. Equally qualified applicants with disabilities will be given preferential treatment.

Please send your complete application including a motivation letter (max. 3 pages), a full CV, transcripts and writing sample (e.g. publication) electronically and in a single PDF-file with your last name and the reference "PS-Soc" (e.g. Schmidt_PS-Soc.pdf) to Dr. C. Albert and apply@umwelt.uni-hannover.de by May 8, 2016. Questions concerning PlanSmart and the position can be directed to albert@umwelt.uni-hannover.de.

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