

Job title: Research Assistant in Environmental Conflict and Politics

Job description

The pre-doctoral researcher will support Dr. Christos Zografos at the Department of Political and Social Sciences in his research on environmental transformations, conflict, and politics within the frame of his Ramon y Cajal post-doctoral fellowship. This research explores the political and power dimensions of climate change and related policies, with a particular focus on using political ecology as an analytical frame and area of knowledge contribution.

Tasks: The researcher is expected to contribute the following:

1. Qualitative data collection (in-depth interviews) and analysis for a case study of conflict over lithium mining in rural Portugal.
2. Develop one scientific article based on the analysis of the above data, which will be co-authored with Dr. Zografos

Project and Institution that finance the contract

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- Spanish Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI), Ministerio de Ciencia, Innovación y Universidades
- European Social Fund (ESF)

Information on the minimum requirements

1. Master's degree in Political Science, Environmental Studies, or related areas, with emphasis on research skills.
2. A very solid background in political ecology, including demonstrated expertise in natural resource extraction with respect to climate change and energy challenges, and environmental governance.
3. Demonstrated capacity to complete high-quality data collection and analysis, and conduct case study research.
4. Demonstrated high level of fluency in written academic English.
5. Ability to work independently for data collection and the generation of publications.

Benefits of the opening The candidate will work 20 hours per week, for a duration of 1 month, starting 1/10/2021 and until 31/10/2021, with a gross monthly gross salary of 2.600 € gross. The contract includes all the benefits of the Spanish public health and social security system.

Information on the application process

To apply for this position, please send the following information to Dr. Christos Zografos referencing "Environmental Conflict and Politics - Research Assistant" in the subject of the email:

1. A letter of motivation (max 1 page) explaining how the candidate fulfills each of the 5 qualifications mentioned in the job description.
2. A copy of the candidate's CV

Contact: christos.zografos@upf.edu

PLEASE ABSTAIN FROM CONTACTING IF YOU DO NOT FULFILL ALL THE ABOVE QUALIFICATIONS.

Deadline to submit applications: 12 September 2021, 17:00 CET

