

Job title: Research Assistant in Grassroots Initiatives for Socioecological Transformation in the Western Balkans

Job description

The researcher will provide technical support to 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/or focus groups) and analysis for a case study of grassroots initiatives for socioecological transformation in the Western Balkans.
2. Support in developing 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 Environmental Sciences and Policy, Environmental Studies, or related areas.
2. A very solid background in climate justice and policy, including demonstrated expertise on the activity of grassroots organisations engaged in climate and environmental justice, and/or radical socio-ecological transformation projects.
3. Knowledge or familiarity with Western Balkans' environmental politics and policy.
4. Demonstrated capacity to complete high-quality qualitative data collection and analysis.
5. High level of fluency in written academic English.
6. Ability to work independently for qualitative data collection and analysis.

Applicants cannot be currently employed by another university or higher education Centre.

Benefits of the opening

The candidate will work 35 hours per week, for a duration of 2 months, starting 1/11/2021 and until 31/12/2021, with a gross monthly salary of 2.800 €. 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 "Grassroots Initiatives for Socioecological Transformation in the Western Balkans - Research Assistant" in the subject of the email:

1. A brief letter of motivation (max 1 page) explaining how the candidate fulfills each of the requirements 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 REQUIREMENTS.

Deadline to submit applications: 26 September 2021, 17:00 CET