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At the University of Vienna, over 10,000 people work together on the big questions of the future. Approximately 7,500 of them are academic staff members. These are individuals who, with their curiosity and their continuous pursuit of excellence, engage in international cutting-edge research and teaching. With us, you will also find space to unfold your potential. We are looking for a/an

## **University assistant predoctoral at the Department of Geography and Regional Research**

Job vacancy starting: 01/06/2024

Limited contract until: 31/05/2027

Working hours: 35,00

Classification CBA: §48 VwGr. B1 Grundstufe (praedoc)

Founded in 1885 the Department of Geography and Regional Research is the oldest and biggest geography department in Austria. It is home to more than 90 researchers as well as general staff in 9 working Groups, and 3,000 students.

The praedoc researcher will contribute to the theory-led, evidence-based and policy-relevant research of the group Economic Geography on innovation-based socio-economic and socio-technical sustainability transitions. Together with experienced key investigators, the jobholder will work in the project **“Regional industrial transitions under multiscale innovation pressures” (RITMEP)** funded by the Austrian Climate Research Programme (ACRP, 15<sup>th</sup> call). In addition, the jobholder is expected to complete a cumulative doctoral dissertation in three years under the supervision of Professor Michaela Trippl.

The RITMEP project addresses the formidable challenges that regions face due to the transformation of carbon-intensive industries and the exit from unsustainable economic practices. For regions with significant employment in emission-intensive industries (e.g. cement, chemicals, paper and printing, transport and logistics), how to decarbonise these industries and construct just and sustainable regional futures is a critical policy question that calls for scientific evidence. RITMEP seeks to understand these regional decarbonisation pathways through qualitative empirical research based on semi-structured interviews, an ongoing content analysis of the national and regional discourse, and co-development workshops in a comparative set of case studies in three Austrian regions. By contributing to a deeper understanding of place-based decarbonisation pathways, RITMEP strives to advance the state of knowledge in the field of geography of sustainability transitions through ground-breaking conceptual and empirical research.

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## Job Description:

- Contribution to RITMEP research activities as member of the key investigators team
- Qualitative research activities in the field of geography of innovation and sustainability transitions (particularly organising, conducting and analysing semi-structured interviews and analysing documents)
- Publication of articles in international peer-reviewed journals
- Presentation of findings at international conferences
- Contribution to the organisation and implementation of regional co-development workshops
- Contribution to science management (e.g. participation in evaluation measures, reporting, quality assurance)

## Profile:

- Master's degree in the field of human geography or a related discipline
- Interest in and familiarity with sustainability transition approaches
- Proven experience in qualitative research (e.g. master thesis)
- Experience in the analysis of statistical data will be considered an advantage
- Excellent command of written and spoken English and German
- Willingness to contribute to science management activities

## Benefits:

What we can offer

A collaborative and appreciative research atmosphere in a dynamic and growing interdisciplinary team at one of the oldest universities in Europe. The Department of Geography and Regional Research is located in the heart of the beautiful City of Vienna, which is regularly voted one of the most liveable cities in the world. The RITMEP project team will consist of the successful candidate, Michaela Trippel, Simon Baumgartinger-Seiringer, Maximilian Benner, Sebastian Fastenrath and a student assistant. The University of Vienna has a high international visibility and is committed to basic research open to application and research-led teaching, as well as to career development of young researchers and to the dialogue with economy and society. That way, the University of Vienna contributes to the education of future generations and to the society's ability to innovate.

- **Work-life balance:** Our employees enjoy flexible, family-friendly working hours, remote/hybrid and/or part-time work (upon agreement).
- **Inspiring working atmosphere:** You are a part of an international academic team in a healthy and fair working environment.

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- **Good public transport connections:** Your workplace in the center of beautiful Vienna is easily accessible by public transport.
- **Fair salary:** EUR 3.131,-- gross monthly salary (14 salaries per year based on the Austrian pay roll system).
- **Equal opportunities for everyone:** We look forward to diverse personalities in the team!

## Application documents:

- Letter of motivation
- Curriculum vitae
- Contact details of at least two persons who could provide a letter of reference
- Academic and other relevant certificates

Applications including a letter of motivation (German or English) should be submitted via e-mail to Michaela Trippl ([michaela.trippl@univie.ac.at](mailto:michaela.trippl@univie.ac.at)) and Maximilian Benner ([maximilian.benner@univie.ac.at](mailto:maximilian.benner@univie.ac.at)).

For further information, please contact Maximilian Benner ([maximilian.benner@univie.ac.at](mailto:maximilian.benner@univie.ac.at)).

We look forward to new personalities in our team!

The University of Vienna has an anti-discriminatory employment policy and attaches great importance to equal opportunities, the [advancement of women](#) and [diversity](#). We lay special emphasis on increasing the number of women in senior and in academic positions among the academic and general university staff and therefore expressly encourage qualified women to apply. Given equal qualifications, preference will be given to female candidates.

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Application deadline: 08/04/2024