

The **interdisciplinary research group “plan B:altic - Climate Change and Spatial Development: Adaptation Strategies of Urban and Regional Planning in Urban Regions of the Baltic Sea Coast”** is financed by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research under its Social-Ecological Research Programme. The research group is located in the department of urban planning at the HafenCity University in Hamburg, Germany. This is a new university, where various fields dealing with the built environment were brought together under one roof, including architecture, geomatics, civil engineering and urban planning.

The social-ecological research group has two aims: firstly, to analyze the specific consequences of climate change for the coastal urban regions against the background of sustainable urban and regional development and to analyze the different discourses and forms of knowledge. Secondly, its intention is to develop possible adaptation strategies of planning for these coastal regions of the Baltic Sea, in order to deal with the effects of climate change and the given uncertainties. In order to pursue these objectives, we work together with planning practitioners and stakeholders from the Baltic Sea Region on a transdisciplinary basis. Therefore, natural, social and planning scientists co-operate intensively within the research group plan B:altic.

Within the research group plan B:altic, a fixed-term research position is offered in Hamburg for immediate placement until September 30, 2013:

Post-Doc (full-time):

**Knowledge generation and integration into adaptation processes
to climate change impacts**

Salary scale 13 TV-L

What are your tasks?

Post doctorate studies will be a fundamental part of the full-time position; candidates are welcome to provide some initial ideas for their topic and concept. The subject should mainly be about how and by whom relevant knowledge about climate change, specific vulnerabilities and the aspect of uncertainty is generated and how this knowledge could be treated and transferred in adaptation processes.

Moreover, the candidate should intensively participate in the interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research activities with regard to the issues concerning social-ecological resilience in urban regions. This position contains significant contributions to the transdisciplinary cooperation as well as significant contributions in order to ensure the achievement of the common project objectives.

What do we expect from you?

- Precondition is a doctorate in social sciences, geography, ecological economics or other sciences which are relevant with regard to the announced topic
- In depth knowledge of institutional theory, theories of organizational and social learning and theories of knowledge management, knowledge generation, knowledge- and organizational sociology, as well as their operationalization
- Knowledge of social-economical and social-ecological developments that are relevant for urban planning and knowledge of social-ecological resilience as well as adaptive management

- Knowledge of and experience with social-ecological and transdisciplinary approaches
- Professional experience with interdisciplinary research projects and with the co-operation with national and international project partners and relevant communication skills
- Commitment and initiative, ability and motivation to work in a team, to work independently and to do conceptual work
- High proficiency in English and a good command of German, orally and written, are required
- Proficiency in other languages, preferably Swedish or Latvian, is considered as an advantage
- Willingness and ability to take occasional research trips within the framework of the project

The HafenCity University aims to raise the share of women in its organization. Therefore, especially women are invited to apply. Also, applications of disabled persons will be treated with preference in the context of the Sozialgesetzbuch (SGB IX).

For further questions please feel free to contact the head of plan B:altic, Dr. Sonja Deppisch, via E-Mail (sonja.deppisch@hcu-hamburg.de).

If you decide to apply, please send a preliminary outline of your post doctorate studies project (maximum of 3 pages) and the usual and relevant application documents with reference to the file number "Az.: 2010-52 WiMi KLIMA" **as soon as possible and no later than October 17, 2010** to:

AdHOCH
Personalverwaltung
Az.: 2010-52 WiMi KLIMA
Nagelsweg 39
20097 Hamburg

Or send your complete application in digital form via e-mail to: bewerbung@vw.hcu-hamburg.de

Please use the file number "**2010-52 WiMi KLIMA**" in the subject line.

Unfortunately, due to the large number of applications the HafenCity University Hamburg is not able to send originals back. Therefore, please do not submit original documents.

If you would like us to return your application documents, you must enclose a sufficiently stamped and addressed envelope.