



The Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Freiburg im Breisgau/ Germany is recruiting a

**PhD researcher (Social Anthropology)**

Wage scale 13 TV-L (75%), Starting date: 01.06.2013

to work in a research project funded through the DFG Priority Programme 1448  
„Adaptation and Creativity in Africa“:

**Constraint and Creativity on African State Boundaries** (Prof. Dr. Gregor Dobler)

*Tasks:*

The researcher will conduct research on the boundary between South Africa and Zimbabwe. Using qualitative methods including long-term participant observation, s/he will assess in which domains and for what groups of people the state boundary constrains social agency, and where it creates new possibilities for societal creativity. The researcher will work closely with a PostDoc researcher doing research on the Côte d'Ivoire/ Mali/ Burkina Faso borderland and with the project leader, who is working on the borderland between Namibia and Angola. The researcher is expected to work on his or her PhD thesis and to publish academic papers.

*Qualifications:*

Applicants should have completed an M.A. in Social Anthropology or in a closely related discipline with excellent results. They should have experiences with conceptualising and conducting anthropological field research. The successful candidate will combine ethnographic sensitivity and a view for detail with the ability to abstract and interpret findings in relation to social theory. Proficiency in English is required; international candidates will be encouraged to acquire a working knowledge in German. The ability to use local languages during fieldwork will be regarded as an asset.

The post is of limited duration, ending on 31.5.2015. However, a two-year extension is possible if funding continues.

People with disabilities will be given preference if equally qualified. The university is striving to increase the percentage of women in academic positions and explicitly asks qualified women to apply.

The official job offer can be found at

<http://www.uni-freiburg.de/universitaet/organisation/stellenboerse>.

Please apply using the form downloadable from that site and enclosing the usual documents (CV, copy of the relevant diplomas and a letter of motivation stating your qualifications for the job). Electronic submissions in one single pdf file are preferred. Please apply by April 15 to [gregor.dobler@ethno.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:gregor.dobler@ethno.uni-freiburg.de) and use this email for further inquiries, as well.