

## Vacancy Announcement

The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (**IAMO**) in Halle (Saale) offers a

### PhD position (f/m/x)

within the Leibniz Junior Research Group “Rural well-being in transition: multidimensional drivers and effects on (im)mobility ([RuWell](#))”. The post is a part-time position (**65 %**) starting on **October 10th, 2022** at the earliest and fixed-term for **three years** (extension is possible). The salary will be according to the German Public Service Salary Scale (**E13 TV-L**). The successful candidate will be part of the *Department of External Environment for Agriculture and Policy Analysis*.

#### About the project:

Europe’s rural areas are threatened by a vicious cycle: as populations decrease, the well-being of those who stay back also declines, which further fuels outmigration. This Leibniz Best Minds project aims at decoding the link between well-being and (im)mobility among rural populations in Southeast Europe by adding a new lens: the concept of place attachment as a crucial but so far neglected dimension of well-being. A Multidimensional Well-being Index (MWI) will be developed to analyse the underlying factors of (im)mobility of the rural population.

#### What we expect:

The applicant is expected to provide survey-based empirical evidence of the factors that drive or impede rural depopulation by designing and conducting innovative, cross-sectional household surveys in selected rural regions in Albania, Kosovo, Moldova, and Romania. Statistical analysis combined with qualitative research methods is foreseen to gain a deeper understanding of interactions of different quality of life composites – in particular with place attachment – and their effect on overall well-being and staying intentions.

#### What you should bring:

- Very good university degree (Master or Diploma) in agricultural or applied economics, human geography, or other social sciences;
- Very good knowledge of planning, designing, and implementing field research;
- Interest in the analysis of multidimensional well-being;
- Interest in utilizing both qualitative and quantitative research methods;
- Experience in empirical economic research (e.g. in the context of a thesis) is an advantage;
- Fluency in English reading, writing, and presenting and knowledge of the official language in one of the study regions -- Albanian, and Romanian;
- Very good communication and teamwork skills.

#### What we offer:

- A unique research and qualification opportunity within a diverse and motivated team of scientists that value interdisciplinary research, while placing great value on diversity of age, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, physical ability, religious belief, and ethnicity;
- Participation in the *German Doctoral Certificate Program in Agricultural Economics* ([www.agraroeconomik.de](http://www.agraroeconomik.de)) with teaching held in English language.
- Support for data collection, organization, and analysis.
- Close guidance and supervision in the process of writing the PhD thesis.
- Financial support for participation in international and regional academic conferences as well as in topic-related workshops.
- Support for the preparation of publications in peer-reviewed journals.
- The successful candidates will become members of the IAMO Graduate School and apply for a doctoral degree from Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg.
- Family-friendly working conditions.

If you are excited to engage in interdisciplinary research on the intersection between well-being and (im)mobility in the context of rural communities in Southeastern Europe and push the boundaries of the well-being analysis beyond its traditional economic domain, we look forward to hearing from you.

#### **Application:**

Interested candidates should send a set of application documents in the English language that include:

1. Letter of motivation (maximum 1 page);
2. Curriculum vita;
3. Copies of all relevant transcripts and certificates<sup>1</sup> as well as English language certificate, if the master's/diploma thesis was not written in English;
4. Names and contact information of two academic referees.

This set of application documents should be sent by email as a single pdf file to [application.agpolicy@iamo.de](mailto:application.agpolicy@iamo.de). Applicants are also requested to submit electronic copies of their master's/diploma thesis or scientific seminar papers. **Application deadline:** August 26th, 2022.

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#### **About us**

[IAMO](#) is a research institute, a foundation under public law, that pursues basic and applied research in the field of agricultural economics with a focus on the formerly centrally planned economies of Europe and Asia. It offers an excellent infrastructure and a stimulating research environment in an international, ambitious, and multidisciplinary team. IAMO is a member of the [Leibniz Association](#), a German network of non-university research institutes. The city of [Halle](#) is located in East Germany, near Leipzig, and offers an attractive and affordable living environment.

Equality of opportunity is part of our personnel policy. Female researchers are strongly encouraged to apply. Disabled applicants with adequate qualifications will be preferentially considered. Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews via email.

Please note the data protection information for applicants (m/f/x) in accordance with art. 13 GDPR on data processing in the application procedure under the following link: <https://www.iamo.de/en/top-navigation/data-protection/>.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that applicants with foreign degrees have to provide a "Statement of Comparability for Foreign Higher Education Qualifications" issued by "Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen" (Central Office for Foreign Education – ZAB) at the time of recruitment. This statement must be applied for by the certificate holder and is subject to a fee. For more information, please visit <https://www.kmk.org/zeugnisbewertung>