The Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg’s Institute of Social Sciences is offering for the duration of four years (with a possible extension for another year) three positions as Doctoral/post-doctoral researchers in the DFG-Emmy-Noether-project Regional Energy Transition: The social processes of negotiating, norming and learning in the wind energy sector
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a) one Post-Doc position (full-time), payment group 14 of the General Framework Agreement on Public Services in the Federal States of Germany (TV-L);

b) two PhD positions (0.65 full-time equivalent), payment group 13 of the General Framework Agreement on Public Services in the Federal States of Germany (TV-L).

The project will analyse energy transition as a social process from a socio-economic perspective. It will examine how different regional, national and global actors in the wind energy sector interact, and which processes of negotiating, norming and learning are triggered by this interaction. Besides theoretical-conceptual work, the project will focus on an empirical substantiation of the transition debate. Six case studies based on expert interviews will be carried out, supplemented by participatory observations, focus group workshops and potentially QCA.

All researchers will be involved both in theory development and in the empirical work. The latter includes preparing, conducting and analysing narrative interviews. Furthermore, the post-doctoral researcher will support the project leader in the scientific coordination of the project and the case studies.

Requirements:
- an above-average academic degree (diploma or master) in a relevant field (social/economic/regional sciences, sustainability transitions);
- knowledge regarding the project context (e.g. transition research, innovation research, regional change and/or wind energy);
- advanced methodological skills, experience with interview and case study research, qualitative content analysis software (MaxQDA) and/or QCA would be an advantage;
- a self-reliant, goal- and result-oriented work mode and scientific mindset;
- proficiency of English. Knowledge of German is desirable; otherwise, the candidate should at least be willing to learn German in the course of the project.
- The post-doc position requires a project-relevant, above-average doctorate.
The holders of the positions will have the opportunity to conduct their own research and qualification projects on topics related to the research project. The PhD students are expected to write their theses within the framework of the project.

The University of Oldenburg is an equal opportunities employer. According to § 21 para. 3 of the Legislation Governing Higher Education in Lower Saxony (NHG) preference shall be given to female candidates in cases of equal qualification. The same applies to persons with disabilities.

Please send your application including a scientific writing sample (e.g. scientific article or extract from a final thesis), preferably by e-mail in a single pdf document, to jannika.mattes@uol.de or by letter to Prof. Dr. Jannika Mattes, Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, Fakultät I, Institut für Sozialwissenschaften, D - 26111 Oldenburg, Germany. **Keyword: 2017-03-Regional-Energy.** If you require any further information, please contact Mrs Mattes via e-mail or telephone (+49 441 7984552).

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