

Post Doc Position (50% TVH, 3 years starting October 1st, 2021), to **conduct and coordinate research on (post-)colonial transformation of cattle husbandry and breeding in Namibia**, within a **DFG-funded project network** on historical, socio-ecological and genetic transformations of livestock breeding in Namibia.

The Post Doc will be working in the social ecology package of a DFG-funded interdisciplinary project network entitled “(Post)-colonial livestock breeding in Namibia: Historical, socio-ecological and genetic transformations”. In this network, DITSL cooperates with historians and archivists from CAU at Kiel and NLAS and UNAM at Windhoek, and with livestock scientists from JLU at Gießen and NUST at Windhoek. The project investigates the colonial impact on different cattle husbandry systems, their production logics, and cattle populations north and south of the veterinary cordon fence, and whether this has influenced, via the introduced management and breeding strategies, the phenotypic and genetic makeup of the respective cattle populations. Further information is available at <https://www.ditsl.org/en/research/projects/post-colonial-livestock-breeding>.

The Post Doc will

- conduct own research (desktop and field research),
- co-supervise and facilitate extensive PhD, and MSc field research in Namibia,
- coordinate collaboration among Namibian and German science and practice partners,
- coordinate the overall integration of the different project components.

The Post Doc's own research will comprise analysing the transformation of livestock farming along with its natural resource base in Namibia during the colonial period from a socio-ecological, and an animal science perspective, based on archive material of the colonial school in Witzenhausen (e.g. diploma theses, correspondence of colonists with the school), and on contemporary livestock science and ethnological literature from the late 19th and early 20th century (teaching materials, textbooks, scientific publications), as well as own data collected using narrative interviews to establish farm and breeding history of mobile and stationary pastoral livestock systems and the natural resource base development in Namibia.

Required qualifications:

- PhD in agricultural/livestock science, social ecology, social anthropology, human geography, or related fields, preferably with a solid foundation in animal breeding,
- Experience in inter- and transdisciplinary research and exchange between different knowledge systems,
- Very good English and German communication and writing skills.

Further advantageous skills:

- experience in project coordination,
- experience participatory research and cooperation with societal stakeholders,

- experience in social science methodology and/or action research.

The 3 year position (50% TVH) is supposed to start by 1st of October 2021. Further fund raising to increase the position to a full time position will be supported.

Required application documents comprise a motivation letter, a CV and transcripts of records, previous job references, and a 2-3 page description of your ideas and approaches to study the past transformation of animal husbandry and breeding along with its natural resource base in Namibia based on archive material, literature and own empirical information (as outlined above). Please explain which aspects particularly spark your interest. Please send your application in one pdf file to research@ditsl.org.

Review of applications and selection of candidates will start **as from August 28th 2021** and continue **until the position is filled**.