



The Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V. (IASS) is an international, interdisciplinary research institute located in Potsdam, financed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Federal State of Brandenburg. It is devoted to promoting science and research for global sustainability, particularly in the areas of climate change, the earth system and societal pathways to sustainability. We focus on the societal and political transformations that must take place if we are to achieve sustainability.

As the most recent of the Institute's five research programs, the Program "Economics and Culture" aims, inter alia, at

- Elucidating political and societal preconditions for the emergence of more sustainable economic theories and practices;
- Identifying the interfaces and synergies between the economic and the cultural domain;
- Promoting intercultural dialogue and comparisons of transformative initiatives both within and across world regions.

Both in the climate mitigation and adaptation communities and across the research programs of the IASS, a frequently encountered issue is the question of how to mobilize private investment capital for sustainable investment projects. In this respect, sustainability is to be understood in three dimensions, i.e. the economic, ecological and social dimension. This can be translated into the question of whether such sustainable business models can be identified in specific sectors at specific locations.

The IASS is currently seeking applications for a

**Research Associate position (m/f)**  
**Ref-Nr. IASS-EC-1304-02**

Under the supervision of the co-head of the Economics & Cultures program of IASS, Dr. Armin Haas, the successful applicant will be entrusted with:

- Identifying and scrutinizing sustainable business models in specific sectors at specific locations. In this respect, sustainability is to be understood in three dimensions, i.e. the economic, ecological and social dimension.
- Developing an estimate for the global volume of future sustainable investment opportunities.
- Contributing to further related research tasks of the IASS and its scientific partners.

What we offer:

- The opportunity to contribute to a highly innovative research stream of tremendous practical relevance.
- The opportunity to work in a vibrant transdisciplinary research environment in sustainability science.
- Excellent contacts to a range of national and international political and research organizations.
- Remuneration for this position is based on TVöD (Bund).

Requirements:

- PhD degree in economics, or an equivalent degree.



- Solid background and international working experience in business administration, accounting, project reporting, and corporate finance.
- The imagination and open-mindedness needed for tackling the challenges posed by identifying and scrutinizing sustainable business models in specific sectors at specific locations. In this respect, sustainability is to be understood in three dimensions, i.e. the economic, ecological and social dimension.
- The willingness and flexibility to engage with the concepts, tools, and methods used by the IASS and its scientific partners.
- The ability to work and communicate effectively, diplomatically and sensitively with a wide range of partners from science, politics, business, and civil society at both the national and international level.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English.
- Work experience in the ESG investment community would be an asset.

This position is to be filled as soon as possible, ideally at the latest by 1 Mai 2016. This position will run for formal reasons to 31<sup>th</sup> December 2016, extension is desired. Applications, including a letter of motivation and a full CV with two referees, should be received no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016 by e-mail to Mr. Armin Haas (armin.haas@iass-potsdam.de). Please indicate the reference number in the e-mail subject line as well as in your application.

For further information and details on this position please contact Mr. Armin Haas.

The IASS particularly encourages applications from female researchers; applicants with disabilities will be given preference in case of equal qualifications.

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