



The [Resource Economics Group](#) at the Thae Institute of Humboldt University and the [Global Climate Forum \(GCF\)](#) in Berlin, are seeking a

**Phd student (66% position) or Postdoctoral Researcher (100% position) on
Marine Ecosystem Governance
(for 3 years, with the possibility of an extension for another 3-5 years).**

The successful candidate will work on the new large scale collaborative research project [CREATE](#), which explores options for the sustainable use of ecosystems and biodiversity conservation for the German North and Baltic Seas. The project is part of the novel Research Mission [Protection and Sustainable Use of Marine Areas](#), involving more than 200 researchers from natural and social sciences. The responsibilities of the successful candidate include:

- Co-lead the work-package on coastal/marine governance, which combines governance research conducted at multiple levels and from different social science perspectives.
- Conduct qualitative social science research on the institutional performance and institutional change of formal and informal governance arrangements shaping the use, degradation and conservation of coastal/marine ecosystems in the German Baltic Sea.
- Contribute to the transdisciplinary development of governance solutions that reduce ecosystem degradation and biodiversity loss together with a range of stakeholders within Living Labs.

Requirements

- An excellent master thesis in environmental social sciences, preferentially in institutional economics or political sciences
- Excellent command of English (the language of the PhD thesis)
- Excellent command of German is an asset (the language of the stakeholders)
- Deep intrinsic motivation to understand environmental and coastal/marine governance
- Familiarity with qualitative social science methods and theories of institutional change. Familiarity with the Institutional Analysis and Development Framework (IAD) of Ostrom is an asset.
- Experience in gathering data through interviews or focus groups

What we offer

- The opportunity to work in an open, friendly and highly motivated interdisciplinary team of social scientists and economists within the [Resource Economics Group](#) at Humboldt and the [Adaptation and Social Learning Group](#) at GCF.
- To collaborate with high-profile, internationally recognized sustainability researchers, both in Berlin through [IRI THESys](#) at Humboldt, and within our extensive global networks.
- The possibility to pursue a PhD or habilitation project, preferably in institutional economics.

The position will start as soon as possible for a duration of 3 years, with the possibility of extension for another 3 to 5 years within a second phase of the CREATE project that is being planned. A salary will be paid according to the German University Standards, either at a 66% level for PhD students or at a 100% level for PostDocs. We are seeking to increase the proportion of women in research and teaching, and specifically encourages qualified female scholars to apply. Disabled applicants with equivalent qualifications will be given preferential consideration. People with migration background are specifically encouraged to apply.

The application deadline is 16.3.2022. Please send your application including a motivation letter, a copy of relevant certificates, a complete CV, your master or PhD thesis, as well as names, email addresses and telephone numbers of two possible referees as a single PDF file with the subject "CREATE application" to Privatdozent Dr. Jochen Hinkel (jochen.hinkel@hu-berlin.de). For further information please contact Hinkel.