



Job-opening: Two PhD-positions at the Department of Economics, University of Heidelberg.
Join the NATCOOP research team to study how nature affects cooperation in common-pool resource systems.

We are looking for two bright, enthusiastic, and energetic research students to join our team. NATCOOP is a junior research group consisting of the PI Florian Diekert, one PostDoc, and two PhD students (these positions). It is funded by an ERC-Starting Grant to Florian Diekert and investigates how nature shapes preferences and incentives of economic agents and how this in turn affects common-pool resource management.

The PhD students will work on one of the three topical areas of NATCOOP, namely studying (A) how tipping points and thresholds in the natural system may encourage cooperation; (B) how the volatility of resource abundance influences risk preferences and how this in turn affects community-based management; and (C) how leadership, which is closely linked to risk preferences, interacts with the natural environment to foster cooperation that overcomes common-pool dilemmas. The project involves field-work in Tanzania and/or Chile.

The successful candidate will have a very good undergraduate degree and ideally an M.Sc. in economics or a closely related discipline. Ideally, the candidate combines expertise in economic experiments with an interest in theoretical developments (or vice versa), but applications with a strong empirical background are also highly welcome. Swahili and/or Spanish language skills are a strong asset and openness towards foreign cultures is a must.

The duration of the position is intended for four years. Applicants that have not yet completed Ph.D. level coursework will spend their first year at the Center for Doctoral Studies in Economics at Mannheim. Remuneration will be based on TV-L E13 on a 50%/75% FTE basis.

To apply, send a letter of motivation, a current CV with contact details of two referees, grade transcripts, and a writing sample as a single pdf-file to **diekert@eco.uni-heidelberg.de**

The deadline for application is Friday, July 15th 2016. Interviews (per skype or in person) will be held on Tuesday, July 26th.

For further information, write an e-mail to the project's PI, Florian Diekert [diekert@eco.uni-heidelberg.de, <http://folk.uio.no/floriakd/>] or visit the project's website at: [www.uni-heidelberg.de/fakultaeten/wiso/awi/professuren/ressourcen/natcoopindex_e.html].