

Job ID: ISA055PD124

The Institute for Social Anthropology (ISA) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW), Austria's leading non-university research and science institution, is offering a

POSTDOC POSITION (F/M/X)
in social anthropology with a focus on Southeast Asia
(full-time, 40 hours per week)

for a duration of 36 months, starting January 01st, 2025. The successful candidate will be expected to develop their own independent research project, contributing to ISA's regional group in Southeast Asia and the islands of the Indian Ocean (SEAINDO). Project proposals should involve primary research in a Southeast Asian country (Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia, Laos, Timor-Leste, Cambodia, Singapore, or Brunei).

Proposals on one of ISA's strategic areas for development are particularly welcome, including:

- Environment and health/wellbeing
- Political and religious movements
- Crisis, conflict and inequality
- Art-based research and emerging technologies
- Participatory and collaborative methodologies.

Your profile:

The successful candidate should have extensive fieldwork experiences, the ability to design and implement their own research project, and an excellent or promising publication record. They will have a PhD in Social or Cultural Anthropology or a closely related field. They should also have excellent written and verbal communication skills in English and have specialist knowledge and language skills that will allow them to conduct fieldwork in a Southeast Asian country.

Your tasks:

- Design and implement your own independent research project
- Critical engagement with relevant theoretical frameworks within anthropology and beyond
- Publication of findings in leading journals
- Participation in all compulsory institute events and activities
- Responsible participation in the scientific organisation and some administrative responsibilities
- Contribution to outreach activities

We offer an annual gross salary of € 66.501,40 according to the collective agreement of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

Please send your application including a (1) Cover Letter (1 page max), (2) Academic CV including publications, (3) Project description (1.500-2.000 words): Short abstract (150-200 words), context, research questions, methods, theoretical contribution, timetable, anticipated outputs/ publication strategy and (4) two samples of written work (publications or PhD chapters). All documents should be sent in a **single PDF file** via e-mail to sandra.forster@oeaw.ac.at **no later than May 31st, 2024**.

Successful candidates will have to be based in Austria (unless on fieldwork). The Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW) requires staff to spend 60% of their time working on-site, with the possibility of home-office working at 40% (on a voluntary basis).

The Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW) pursues a non-discriminatory employment policy and values equal opportunities, as well as diversity. Individuals from underrepresented groups are particularly encouraged to apply.