VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Student assistant / tutor

United Nations University (UNU-EHS) & University of Bonn
Joint Master - Module JM1 “Theories and concepts of risk”
Winter term 2023/24

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Background: JM1 “Theories and concepts of risk”
JM1 “Theories and concepts of risk” is the first module in the Joint Master “Geography of Environmental Risks and Human Security” of UNU-EHS and the University of Bonn. The lecture aims at introducing and debating key concepts and theories in the field of vulnerability, risk, resilience, recovery, adaptation and transformation research related to climate change and natural hazards. Based on guided readings, lectures and open discussions, students will learn about the fundamental conceptual contributions to this field of scholarship, ranging from the early origins to the latest approaches. The lecture shall enable students to not only know and understand the field’s basic concepts and their respective theoretical underpinnings, but to apply this knowledge in scientific debates and the framing of own research. Students shall further be able to transfer and link the debated concepts to policy frameworks for applied risk reduction, sustainable development and adaptation (e.g. Sendai Framework, SDGs, Paris Agreement). From this combination, students shall be enabled to develop their own critical reflection on scientific concepts as well as their applicability for policy and practice. Lectures and the tutorials will take place at UN Campus, Bonn.

Responsibilities:
To support module JM1 “Theories and concepts of risk” of our joint MSc program, we are looking for a highly motivated and qualified tutor for the winter term (2023/2024) with a strong passion for vulnerability, risk and adaptation research, and an interest in working with students. Previous experience as a tutor (teaching experience) is an asset, but no requirement.

Under the supervision of Dr. Michael Hagenlocher and Dr. Simone Sandholz, the successful candidate will be entrusted with the following tasks:

- Participate in weekly lectures from October 2023 until February 2024 (90 mins/week)
- Draft and prepare inputs for the tutorial (starting in September 2023)
- Hold weekly tutorials at (in person) from October 2023 until February 2024 (90 mins/week)
- Participate in weekly briefings with the lecturers to pre-discuss tutorials (15 mins/week)
Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in a Master’s degree program
- Familiarity with key concepts of risk, resilience, adaptation, transformation
- Experience in tutoring/teaching is an asset
- Fluency in English (oral & written)

Conditions:

- Starting date: September 2023
- Hours: 8 hours of work per week
- Duration: Sept 2023 until February 2024 (semester starts on 09 Oct 2023)
- Location: Preparation of the tutorial can be remote / home based
  Tutorial is expected to take place in person at UN Campus, Bonn

Please send your letter of motivation (max. 1 page) and CV as one PDF file to Dr. Michael Hagenlocher (hagenlocher@ehs.unu.edu) and Dr. Simone Sandholz (sandholz@ehs.unu.edu) before 24 July 2023.