

With its 3,800 employees and 30,000 students, the University of Graz provides an exciting and varied work environment. Due to our research and teaching competence we are a central institution for guaranteeing that Styria remains a research and education location.

The Institute for Philosophy is looking for a

**PhD student position in Philosophy (Theories of Justice and Ethics) in the interdisciplinary Doktoratskolleg “Climate Change – Uncertainties, Thresholds and Coping Strategies”**

(30 hours a week; fixed-term employment for the period of three years; position to be filled as of now )

The Doktoratskolleg Climate Change (“DK”, mainly funded by the Austrian Science Foundation) is an interdisciplinary PhD programme which provides independent and cooperative research in the field of theories of justice, ethics, economics of climate change, physical climate science, geosciences, system sciences, and sustainability sciences (see <http://dk-climate-change.uni-graz.at/en/>). This project was funded due to the internationally recognized quality of the faculty’s research in these areas, and builds on the flourishing research environment for climate research that has been established at the University of Graz. The philosophy department in particular has been very active in the field of climate justice (see <https://philosophie-gewi.uni-graz.at/en/section-moral-and-political-philosophy/our-section-062009-062013/> for more details).

The thesis work has to be done on a research topic which contributes to answering the general research question of the DK Climate Change: What are critical climate change uncertainties and thresholds and what are ethically defensible strategies to cope with them? More information on the DK faculty members and PhD thesis topics is available at <http://dk-climate-change.uni-graz.at>.

The stimulating diversity of research areas covered by the faculty of the DK provides an outstanding interdisciplinary environment where students of different disciplines may find exciting research topics and excellent guidance for their doctoral studies. The DK offers interdisciplinary seminars and colloquia, summer schools and workshops, as well as disciplinary training in the respective fields. The PhD programme aims at training a selected group of outstanding PhD students for a professional career in universities, public and private research organizations, international institutions, consultancy and business, and the government.

The DK is offering a PhD student position, with contract starting in April 2015 or later in 2015 for three years (extendable by half a year in exceptional cases). The positions come with social and health insurance. In addition the DK provides funds for conference participation, visits, and research stays abroad up to six months.

**Job specification**

- Pursuing a PhD project within the Doktoratskollegs "Climate Change – Uncertainties, Thresholds and Coping Strategies"
- Participating in the training programme of the Doktoratskolleg

**Professional qualifications**

- Master's degree (or equivalent) in philosophy
- Knowledge in English at level C1
- Knowledge of German is not required to begin the position.

The applications have to contain the following documents in pdf format:

- a motivation letter including indication of the research topic you will want to pursue. The supervisor Univ.-Prof. Dr. Lukas Meyer proposes a dissertation on the topic “The normative significance of the imposition of risks of rights violations in the context of climate change” (see [http://static.uni-graz.at/fileadmin/projekte/dk-climate-change/PDFs/Abstracts\\_Meyer.pdf](http://static.uni-graz.at/fileadmin/projekte/dk-climate-change/PDFs/Abstracts_Meyer.pdf) for the abstracts)
- an abstract in English of the master thesis and a pdf of the Thesis (in case you have not yet submitted your thesis, a pdf of the draft of the Thesis)
- a Curriculum Vitae including information on previous work experience and publications and a transcript of records, evidence for knowledge in English at level C1 or higher
- two letters of recommendation.

The selection procedure will commence immediately after the application deadline. All communication, including interviews, will be conducted in English.

For further information, please contact Univ.-Prof. Dr. Lukas H. Meyer, Speaker of the Doktoratskolleg (lukas.meyer@uni-graz.at) or MMag. Kian Mintz-Woo, BPhil (kian.mintz-woo@uni-graz.at), a PhD student of the DK working on “Moral uncertainty about climate change: What is it, does it matter, and how?”

Information for international students about admission to doctoral studies, dates and deadlines is available at: <https://studienabteilung.uni-graz.at/en/international-students/> and: [https://online.uni-graz.at/kfu\\_online/wbMitteilungsblaetter.display?pNr=1497476](https://online.uni-graz.at/kfu_online/wbMitteilungsblaetter.display?pNr=1497476)

### **Classification**

Salary scheme of the Universitäten-KV (University Collective Agreement): B1

### **Minimum salary**

The minimum salary as stated in the collective agreement and according to the classification scheme is EUR 1997.20 gross/month. This minimum salary may be higher due to previous employment periods eligible for inclusion and other earnings and remunerations.

We offer you a job with a lot of responsibility and variety. You can expect an enjoyable work climate, flexible work hours and numerous possibilities for further education and personal development. Take advantage of the chance to enter into a challenging work environment full of team spirit and enthusiasm for your job.

Application Deadline: **November 4<sup>th</sup> 2015**  
Reference Number: **MB/152/99 ex 2014/15**

The University of Graz strives to increase the proportion of women in particular in management and faculty positions and therefore encourages qualified women to apply.

Especially with regard to academic staff, we welcome applications from persons with disabilities who meet the requirements of the advertised position.

If you are interested, please submit your application documents within the stated deadline to:

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