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### JOB DESCRIPTION

**Researcher on DFG (German Research Foundation) Grant on 'Practices of Legitimation: Chinese Non-State Actors in East Africa'**  
**Closing on: 28 March 2024**

*The researcher will be contracted directly by the University of Bayreuth (PI Professor Jana Hönke) for 4 months in the first instance, May 2024- Aug 2024. The terms of reference will be agreed by the PI, the contracted researcher and the University of Bayreuth. Likely responsibilities include:*

- To attend training on research methods in Nairobi in May 2024.
- To pilot ethnographic and interview research techniques within stipulated communities over a minimum 2-month period in Kenya or Tanzania, (estimated June and July 2024), obtaining consent in accordance with research protocols.
- To collect and store ethnographic and interview data in accordance with protocols.
- To build positive and respectful relationships within such communities, with a view to further extended research periods.
- To flag concerns with research methods, environment, process or any other issue with line manager in a timely and sensitive fashion.
- To contribute to early findings and research instrument review, either in writing or in person, by August 2024.

### Personal Specification

*Essential (**all** are required to apply)*

- A strong undergraduate degree in related subject e.g. (international) politics; (development) anthropology, sociology, development studies (NOT education)
- Some experience of qualitative data collection in Kenya or Tanzania
- Exceptional interpersonal skills, able to build rapport and conduct research in a respectful manner, with utmost professionalism and integrity
- Strong understanding of the principles of ethnographic research
- Kenyan / Tanzanian national
- Fluent in Swahili
- Available for training in Nairobi in May 2024
- Available for fieldwork in selected rural communities for **minimum** 2 months (estimated June and July 2024)
- Ability to comply with strict ethical protocols as approved by University of Bayreuth and Kenyan / Tanzanian research authorities (NACOSTI and COSTECH) respectively
- Able to supply 2 academic / research references following appointment.

*Desirable (**not** required to apply but advantageous)*

- Masters level in a related subject (as above)
- Ethnographic fieldwork experience in rural Kenya or Tanzania
- Familiarity with / interest in debates on Chinese actors in east Africa
- Demonstrably strong written English
- Basic knowledge in Mandarin
- Prior contributor to project outputs such as a report, briefing or academic article
- Available for contract extension (until August 2025)

**Interested applicants should send their CV, one-page cover letter and relevant writing sample (maximum 1,000 words) to [nicodemus.minde@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:nicodemus.minde@uni-bayreuth.de) by Thursday 28 March 2024.**