

Job Opening

The [Kelso Institute Europe](#) in Kreuzberg, Berlin (Managing Director: Prof. Dr iur. Jens Lowitzsch), invites applications for the third-party funded scientific position of a:

Research Associate / Ph.D. position (m/f/d; qualification position)

(Remuneration according corresponding to salary group 13 TV-L, 20 hours/week)

for the period starting 1 June 2024 until 30 November 2026. The employment contract will be limited to two years, six months. The contract may be subject to prolongation or increase in the number of working hours depending on available funding.

Background

The Kelso Institute Europe (KIE), incorporated in 2020 has a strategic partnership with the European University Viadrina (Frankfurt Oder) with its managing director holding the Kelso Professorship of Comparative Law, East European Business Law and European Legal Policy at Viadrina.

The KIE and the Kelso Professorship conduct studies on European legal policy with a special focus on the energy transition and consumer co-ownership, employee financial participation, ownership and privatisation, insolvency and restructuring, as well as financial crises and their impact on the welfare state. The research of the interdisciplinary team (economics, law, sociology, political science and engineering) is mostly financed by third-party funding. The Kelso Institute Europe and the Kelso Professorship organise events both in the context of our research activities and to communicate and disseminate results.

The Kelso Professorship is a member of the Interuniversity Centre, comprising of Viadrina, Free University of Berlin, the University of Split and Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. The professorship also advises German and European institutions.

Context

The KIE is currently implementing the European research & innovation project [Wind in My Back Yard](#) (WIMBY, 2022-2026) under the Horizon Europe funding program as part of an international consortium from 10 countries. WIMBY develops cutting-edge in-depth models to assess impacts, conflicts, synergies and potentials for development of wind power into practical information for stakeholders. Parallel to WIMBY the KIE has launched a Morphological Box for Energy Communities (<https://kelso-institute-europe.de/tools/energy-communities/>). Other research activities are also currently being developed within the topic of community energy and stakeholder engagement in the energy transition in countries of the global south with a focus on India and Pakistan.

The research position is tendered in the context of the KIE work program (<https://kelso-institute-europe.de/circular-society/>) with the possibility of writing a Ph.D. thesis on related topics.

Your tasks include

- Own research projects in the fields of renewable energies, financial participation, and acceptance of renewables in the context in the context of the KIE work program:
 - o collaboration on related scientific publications;
 - o communication and networking with institutional partners and project partners as well as other potential partners of the KIE in this regard.
- Other research tasks beyond the own research project, in particular coordination of proposals for third-party funded projects and their implementation;
- Co-management of daily tasks in KIE projects, including preparation and editing of deliverables, coordination with other consortium partners;
- Teaching as a visiting lecturer at the chair of the Kelso-Professorship of the European University Viadrina;
- Public relations, participation in the organisation of scientific conferences; participation in the writing of project applications and project reports.

Your profile includes

- University degree either in economics, law or political sciences with a focus on renewables, energy policy, circular economy, renewable engineering, or similar.
- Experience in energy economics research and well-versed in research methods (qualitative and quantitative).
- Experience in developing scientific research and contributing to research articles (some experience in the research field is required) as well as in the editing of publications as regards content, style and layout.
- Very good communication skills in English in writing and speaking, good command of German is of advantage, knowledge of other languages is desirable.
- Confident and communicative appearance in contact with scientists, lecturers and partners from practice, business, culture and politics.
- Strong teamwork skills, intercultural competence and interdisciplinary understanding.
- Experience in the development, implementation and documentation of third-party funded interdisciplinary projects in a scientific and/or consulting context.
- Proficiency in statistics and econometric methods, an understanding of behavioural economics principles is of advantage.
- Expertise and work experience in energy system modelling is of advantage.
- Excellent computer skills (MS Office), skills in quantitative analysis and/or programming in one or more languages are of advantage (e.g., STATA, Python, R).

The KIE aims at increasing the number of women in research and teaching and participates in the research-oriented gender equality standards of the German Research Foundation. Women with equivalent qualification shall be preferred.

We offer

- An Inclusive company culture – gender equality and promoting female research talents is one of our principal values.
- Peer support from colleagues – truly friendly atmosphere at work
- Work-life balance and self-development/family friendly organizational culture due to flexible working hours
- Opportunity to develop own research projects.

For enquiries regarding the position, contact Sarah Lonscher (lonscher@kelso-institute-europe.de).

Please apply with the usual documents (cover letter, curriculum vitae, university transcript / grade record, other references) compiled in a single PDF file **until 15 May 2024** via email to (lonscher@kelso-institute-europe.de).