NATCOOP

Job-opening:
PhD-position at the Department of Economics, University of Heidelberg.

We are looking for a bright, enthusiastic, and energetic student to join our team. NATCOOP is a junior research group consisting of Jun.Prof. Florian Diekert, Stuart Kininmonth, and Robbert Schaap. The PhD student will work on one of the three topical areas of NATCOOP, namely studying (A) how tipping points and thresholds in the natural system may encourage cooperation; (B) how the volatility of resource abundance influences risk preferences and how this in turn affects community-based management; and (C) how leadership, which is closely linked to risk preferences, interacts with the natural environment to foster cooperation that overcomes common-pool dilemmas. The project involves field-work in Tanzania and/or Chile.

The successful candidate will have a very good undergraduate degree and ideally an M.Sc. in economics or a closely related discipline. Ideally, the candidate combines expertise in economic experiments with an interest in theoretical developments (or vice versa), but applications with a strong empirical background are also highly welcome. Swahili and/or Spanish language skills are a strong asset.

The duration of the position is intended for four years. Applicants that have not yet completed Ph.D. level coursework will spend their first year at the Center for Doctoral Studies in Economics at Mannheim. Remuneration will be based on TV-L E13 on a 50%/75% FTE basis. The position will remain open until filled and the starting date is flexible (but the PhD courses start in September 2017).

To apply, send a letter of motivation, a CV with contact details of two referees, grade transcripts, and a writing sample as a single file to natcoop@awi.uni-heidelberg.de.

Don't hesitate to contact Florian Diekert [florian.diekert@awi.uni-heidelberg.de] or visit the project's website at www.natcoop.eu for further information.

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