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Field Research Assistance and Master/Diploma Thesis

We are looking for a master student in economics, anthropology or geography who is willing to conduct field research in northern Namibia in **summer 2014** (from July to September).

You will be involved in a project on "**Leadership, Nepotism and Procedural Justice**", coordinated by Dr. Björn Vollan (University of Innsbruck, Department of Public Finance). The aim of the project is to analyze local leaders' attitudes towards nepotism/clientelism and procedural fairness, with a focus on differences between democratically elected leaders and (non-elected) traditional leaders. Methodologically, the project will employ **economic experiments** to be conducted with local leaders and villagers in 30 randomly selected villages in northern Namibia.

Requirements

Very good **grades**, very good **command of English** and a **driving license** are required. Previous working experience in developing countries and knowledge of experimental economics would be a further asset.

Tasks

You will supervise a team of two to three local field assistants in the execution of experimental field sessions. The research stay will last for about two to three months, beginning in July 2014. One of the senior researchers will accompany you during the first three weeks in the field, introduce you to local contact people, and guide you through the first experimental pilots. Most of the time, you will stay overnight in the villages where you are conducting sessions (accommodation in hostels or tents, possibly without electricity or piped water supply). You will have a 4x4 vehicle, fully equipped with tents and a field kitchen.

Benefits

You will have the opportunity to gather experiences in field research and to lead a local research team on your own. Parts of the data collected during the research stay can be used for a Master thesis, which would then be supervised by one of the projects' senior researchers. You will receive a daily allowance equivalent to 10€ to cover your expenses. It goes without saying that the flight and accommodation costs as well as work-related expenditures will be covered by project funds.

Are you interested in an exciting research study and do you fulfill the requirements? Then send your CV and letter of motivation to Björn Vollan (bjorn.vollan@uibk.ac.at) until 15.03.2014.