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The Austrian Academy of Sciences ([OeAW](#)), Austria's central non-university research and science institution, seeks to appoint a new

DIRECTOR (F*M) WITH TENURE at the *Institute for Social Anthropology*.

The statutory mission of the OeAW is to “promote science in every aspect”. It fulfils its mission through a total of 25 research institutes which are engaged in innovative research of international standing in a variety of disciplines.

The Institute for Social Anthropology in Vienna (ISA; <https://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/isa/>) is a vibrant and productive hub for social anthropology research. ISA aims to engage with innovative and cutting-edge approaches to social anthropology and their elaboration through sound methodology. The new Director should complement and strengthen the institute's outstanding research profile. Up to now, research in ISA has focused on Asia; the current call is open to specialists of and from any region of the world. The new Director should be open-minded and a supporter of interdisciplinarity, thereby fostering the conditions that will allow excellent social anthropology research to flourish. The ISA is part of the vibrant local research environment constituted by the numerous social sciences and humanities institutes of OeAW and other research institutions in Vienna.

The OeAW is looking for a strong and ambitious personality with innovative research ideas and an outstanding scientific track record, including a track record of raising major research grants. The ideal candidate will be a creative scholar with strong leadership and management skills who is well connected within the international scientific community. The OeAW seeks to appoint a Director who is enthusiastic about pursuing their own research within ISA while also enhancing and encouraging the research of existing ISA staff. Recruiting outstanding talent to fill new appointments will be among the Director's key responsibilities.

The ISA receives basic funding from the OeAW, and additional national and international third-party funding for designated research projects. The institute offers a world-class scientific and collaborative research environment for about 20 scientists and is supported by skilled in-house administrative and technical staff.

We offer an attractive recruitment package that includes an internationally competitive salary and a substantial annual research budget (personnel, consumables). The work contract is tenured. The OeAW pursues a non-discriminatory employment policy and values equal opportunities, as well as diversity. Individuals from under-represented groups are particularly encouraged to apply. The role as director is subject to evaluation every 5 years.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to apply and submit a detailed application to President Anton Zeilinger and Vice President Arnold Suppan at ISA.search.director@oeaw.ac.at containing the following:

- Research concept and proposal for the strategic development of the ISA (maximum 4 pages)
- Curriculum vitae including an overview of recent research activities and funding (maximum 5 pages)
- A list of publications, with pdf files of the four most important publications

Applications will be treated in strict confidence. It would be best if applications reach us until March 15, 2022. Later applications will however be considered as long as the position is not yet filled.