

A new PhD position has just been advertised for work on the ERC Advanced Grant “CONDJUST: Conservation Data Justice” which is led by Dan Brockington (URL at bottom of the page). CONDJUST seeks to contribute to a new research field, Conservation Data Justice, that bridges three distinct areas of enquiry: conservation prioritisation, political ecology and Data Justice. CONDJUST will interrogate conservation data and models, and explore the epistemic communities producing them, to develop new theories of socially just, data-driven conservation. It will challenge the colonising tendencies of prioritisation work and seek decolonising alternatives.

The successful candidate will work on CONDJUST’s 4<sup>th</sup> work package which examines the policy consequences of conservation prioritisation debates. The candidate will devise, under the supervision of Prof Brockington, a programme of PhD research that will examine how current debates about conservation prioritization influence actual conservation policies. The candidate will have substantial freedom to direct, and alter, their focus, but potential topics may concern the policy space that conservation prioritization creates; or, the way in which conservation prioritization recommendations travel; or the different ways in which countries are responding to resolutions from the CoP to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The candidate will be free to determine the geographical focus of their work.

Applicants must explain what their proposed focus is in a two page document that will accompany their letter of application. This topic will suit a candidate who has studied policy change, conservation politics or ethnographies of organisations and institutions. Applicants must also have a passion for research. The successful candidate will join the UAB PhD programme and received training that will allow them to become an independent researcher. They will join the CONDJUST team which will eventually consist of a further four post-doctoral researchers. Collaborations across the team will be encouraged. Applicants are encouraged to contact Prof Brockington with any enquiries about this role.

**The deadline for this application is 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

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