



## Archival Researcher

We are seeking a PhD student in Stockholm to assist with conducting archival research in collections of Riksarkivet and other potential holdings in Sweden on the operations of the Swedish mining company, Gränges, in Liberia. In particular, we are looking for film footage, photographs, and documents in the Gränges archive and related collections in Sweden that will shed light on the landscape transformations and economic, environmental, social, and health impact of the mining operations in the region.

The research is part of a five-year ERC Advanced Grant, *Fragments of the Forest: Hot Zones, Disease Ecologies, and the Changing Landscape of Environment and Health in West Africa*, based at the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society in Munich. The project aims to discern the ecological, economic, political, and social forces, as well as knowledge regimes, that have turned the Upper Guinean Forest region of West Africa into an alleged “hotspot” where biodiversity conservation, emerging infectious disease threats, and natural resource extraction converge.

The Archival Researcher should be available to meet with Prof. Dr. Gregg Mitman, the PI of the grant, while he is in Stockholm during the week of Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> and to accompany him on his initial visit to the Gränges archive at Riksarkivet for a two-day orientation training. The successful candidate will then independently conduct research in the Gränges archive and related holdings as they are identified, meeting weekly via Zoom with Prof. Mitman and members of the ERC team, to discuss the progress of research and findings. The position will also require producing transcriptions of Swedish documents into English as needed.

Successful candidates should be fluent in Swedish and have good written and spoken English skills. Archival research experience is a plus. They should have working mastery of data management (e.g., Excel) and word processing softwares, as well as be familiar with academic databases and search engines.

The gross hourly wage for the position is **200 SEK/hour**. This is a fixed term contract, not to exceed 250 hours. The number of hours per week are flexible. The candidate will be paid on a monthly basis upon receipt of an invoice.

**Apply by 13 November 2023** by sending a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and contact information for two references in English to [G.Mitman@lmu.de](mailto:G.Mitman@lmu.de).