

[Two postdoc positions at the MPI for Social Anthropology, Constructing Urban Futures in Asia](#)

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Dear all,

We're seeking to recruit two postdocs for the following thematic focus:

Constructing Urban Futures in Asia

Growing prosperity and ongoing rural-urban migration have been feeding an unprecedented building boom across the cities of East Asia, Southeast Asia and South Asia, sometimes coupled with a renewed appreciation of cultural heritage. Not only is the boom transforming political economies; it will also create the signature metropolises of our century and challenge Euroamerican hegemony over notions of the urban. The new focus group will concentrate on the professionals in planning, architecture, construction and conservation, as the people most centrally placed to shape urban futures in Asia, and will investigate their ideals, concerns, strategies and compromises when dealing with the multiple political and economic actors involved in construction and with general challenges such as climate change. Researchers are expected to conduct in-depth ethnographic fieldwork and to contribute to theoretical and methodological innovation in anthropology, urban studies and adjacent fields.

Full details at: <https://recruitingapp-5034.de.umantis.com/Vacancies/452/Description/1>

Best, Christoph

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