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Call for PhD Applicants!

For 2020, the [Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy](#), Central European University (CEU), seeks applications for a PhD position to work in protected areas management effectiveness (PAME) evaluation in the [Kruger-to-Canyons Biosphere Reserve](#) (K2C) area in South Africa. In collaboration with K2C, this student would develop a long-term PAME evaluation program for the region, comprising a mosaic of protected areas including national, provincial, and private reserves, and across a variety of institutions.

The PhD position will last for 3 years, commencing in September 2020, and be funded by the CEU as part of its [Doctoral Scholarship Program](#). Additional research funding may also be available for eligible students, as well as logistical support in the field. Specific department PhD program application requirements can be found [here](#), and CEU requirements [here](#).

A draft summary of the primary aims and research questions of the study are provided below, although some flexibility can be negotiated with the successful candidate.

Primary Research Aims

- 1) Identify the management and governance models, including management objectives, which currently exist within protected areas within the Kruger-to-Canyons (K2C) Biosphere Reserve and what tools are being utilized to track both their effectiveness and impacts.
- 2) Identify scope for improving the current monitoring and evaluation of PAME in the K2C to address both individual and network level impacts.

Research Questions

1. How has the PA network developed within the K2C landscape (historical context) and where is it headed?
2. What management and governance models currently exist within the PA network within the K2C Biosphere Reserve?
3. What management objectives are PAs pursuing within the K2C Biosphere Reserve?
4. What management effectiveness evaluation tools (or other means of M&E) are currently being utilized in the K2C, and for what reason?
5. To what degree does current M&E translate into management for improved effectiveness?
6. What network level impacts does the protected area network have within the K2C?
7. How can the current suite of management effectiveness tools be expanded on/improved?

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