IHE Delft is the largest international graduate water education facility in the world and is based in Delft, the Netherlands. The mission of IHE Delft is to work in partnership to strengthen capacity in the water sector, to achieve global sustainable development. IHE Delft has a permanent staff of 200 of which more than 100 are academics from all over the world, while about 250 guest lecturers from academia and industry contribute to our educational programmes. Each year 750 professionals (including about 200 new MSc students per year) attend courses at IHE Delft. The Institute has an international staff & student community with English as the working language.

IHE Delft Institute for Water Education (IHE Delft) is a unique knowledge institute in the Dutch research and educational landscape, combining excellence in research and PhD training with a mission to strengthen capacity in the water sector and support sustainable development, especially in the Global South. Partnerships are integral to achieving this mission, and the institute forges strong and lasting partnerships with universities, government agencies, NGOs, and private sector institutions in the Netherlands, across Europe and around the world. Water is the unifying theme, and IHE Delft’s ambition is to make a tangible contribution to achieving all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in which water is key. Research, education, and institutional strengthening form the three pillars of the institute’s activities and together contribute to achieving its overall mission.

Within IHE Delft, the Department of Water Governance has a vacancy for a

**(Senior) Lecturer in Water Governance**

**38 hours per week**

The overall aim of the Department is to support, promote and catalyse lasting transformations towards water sustainability, by developing, teaching and experimenting with approaches to protect, use, share, manage and interact with water and water-based ecosystems in ways that align with or contribute to wider societal goals of justice, peace, safety and wellbeing. We do this through (action-)research projects - often in close collaboration with partners in the majority world - as well as through MSc level education and institutional strengthening and training projects. Most of the work that is done in the Department has a broad problem-orientation.

To us, water governance is not just about the organisation of decision making with respect to water, but also about the production of social order via its administration and regulation. In addition to developing instruments and tools for organizing the distribution of water services, the management of water resources, or the protection of watery environments, the group’s explicit ambition therefore is to also shed light on how changes in water co-evolve with broader socio-ecological change. The Department’s research is clustered in 4 research themes: urbanization; water rights and justice; organisations and policies; conflicts, cooperation and diplomacy.

The Department brings together scholars from a range of disciplines – geography, sociology, law, political sciences, public administration, and anthropology. To fruitfully collaborate with each other and with colleagues from the natural sciences and engineering, we embrace and actively experiment with inter-and transdisciplinary methods and approaches, and celebrate theoretical plurality.
As a new staff member of this Department you will be involved in further developing the group’s education, research and institutional strengthening/training activities related to at least two of the research themes of the department:

**Responsibilities**

- Contribute to the development and implementation of research on at least two of our research themes, in continuous interaction with partner organizations within and beyond academia;
- Actively produce and mobilize research findings to contribute to ongoing global and national water policy debates;
- Identify funding opportunities and lead in the acquisition of projects;
- Collaborate in the development of - and eventually teach in - the new MSc education programmes of IHE-Delft on Water & Sustainable Development, with specific contributions to relevant study profiles;
- Lecture in courses in the current Water Management and Governance MSc programme;
- Acquire and help implementing international capacity development and institutional strengthening projects;
- Collaborate, contribute, and/or lead departmental initiatives for staff development, knowledge sharing and outreach.

**Requirements**

We are looking for someone who:

- has a social science PhD degree in a discipline related to water (such as anthropology, sociology, planning, humanities, human geography, law, development studies, public administration);
- has experience, talents in and likes designing and delivering (tailor-made) institutional strengthening programmes for often diverse groups of professionals;
- demonstrates commitment and/or experience in, and explicit appreciation of, inter- and transdisciplinary approaches to producing knowledge or testing solutions;
- demonstrates commitment to and/or experience with scientific plurality, among others by engaging in discussions about and comparisons between different theories, methods, definitions, and epistemologies;
- demonstrates commitment to and/or experience with problem-orientated education, training and research methodologies (participatory action research; LivingLabs; citizen science); those that increase the impact of education and research, and that actively promote mutual learning between all involved;
- has a proven track record in funding acquisition;
- is fluent in English, and preferably also in French.

**Terms of employment**

The employment contract is for 1.0 fte / 38 hours per week.

This position is a temporary position for 1 year, which might be extended for a longer period. The position of either Lecturer or Senior Lecturer will be determined based on qualifications of the candidate, and candidates should specify which position they are applying for. The position is based in Delft, The Netherlands. A competitive salary is offered depending on qualifications and experience in accordance with the conditions of employment for Dutch Universities.

**Information and application**

Additional information can be obtained from Klaas Schwartz (k.schwartz@un-ihe.org).

Applications (in English), should respond specifically to the requirements, and can be sent until
April 10, 2022 (closing date) including curriculum vitae, personal teaching statement, motivation letter, and the names and contact details of two contactable referees (as one PDF file with your family name as the filename), to IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, attn. Human Resource Management (E: recruitment@un-ihe.org), PO Box 3015, 2601 DA Delft, The Netherlands, stating vacancy-number 22-WG-01.

Reactions from staffing agencies and other 3rd parties are not appreciated.

By submitting your application for the vacancy of (Senior) Lecturer in Water Governance, you agree with the privacy statement below:

The personal data you share through your application file and other means will only be used by IHE Delft for the purpose of the recruitment and selection process in order to evaluate your suitability for the vacancy for which you have applied, as well as for communication purposes related to the vacancy. IHE Delft will process your personal details in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation of 25 May 2018. For more information, we refer you to the privacy statement of IHE Delft: https://www.un-ihe.org/privacy-statement

Without your prior consent or other legal bases, no information will be shared with third parties. For further questions please contact our Data Protection Officer at dpo@un-ihe.org