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Master's Thesis Opportunity: Measuring environmental equity in biodiversity conservation and ecological restoration

Environmental (in)justice has become a key topic in biodiversity conservation, ecosystem services, and environmental planning in recent years. Despite progress in creating tools and frameworks, there's still a lack of clear, agreed-upon methods for assessing and evaluating **environmental (in)justice** in different contexts. This challenge is made harder by the various views and ideas about what environmental justice means, making it difficult to create a method that works everywhere.

We are looking for a Master's student to help fill this gap by joining a review project. The goals of this research are:

- Summarizing the common methods used in scientific studies to assess and evaluate environmental (in)justice.
- Comparing these methods with the philosophical ideas that shape them.
- Creating a simpler tool that considers specific case details, which can guide future research.

The person we are looking for is/ has:

- Strong interest in environmental justice, and how humans interact with biodiversity, ecological restoration, and ecosystem services.
- Ability to understand complex ideas and methods.
- Skill in data analysis and/OR the willingness to learn new techniques.
- Writing skills OR an interest to learn scientific writing.
- Ready to start soon.

What We Offer:

- A collaborative and interdisciplinary research environment
- Guidance and support throughout the research process.
- Opportunities for professional growth and networking in the field.

If you are passionate about contributing to the study of environmental justice, please **express your interest** to: jacqueline.loos@univie.ac.at