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Assistant Professor (tenure track) in Environmental Humanities

Introduction

The University of Lausanne is a higher teaching and research institution composed of seven faculties where approximately 14,300 students and nearly 3,800 collaborators, professors, and researchers work and study. Ideally situated on the shore of Lake Geneva, near Lausanne's city center, its campus brings together over 120 nationalities.

Presentation

The Faculty of Geosciences and the Environment (FGSE) of the University of Lausanne invites applications for a professorship in Environmental Humanities, to be based in the Institute of Geography and Sustainability (IGD).

We are looking for a candidate with solid training in social science and/or humanities, displaying a proven record in fundamental aspects of sustainability, and capable of developing a research and teaching program within the following set of issues: climate justice and ecological justice; planetary boundaries, the Anthropocene and degrowth; citizen engagement and sustainability, and the integration of sustainability concerns into democratic processes; the genealogy and future of environmental problems; the ideas of nature and critical approaches to modernity. A forward-looking and speculative dimension will be highly valued, as will a good integration of empirical and theoretical aspects.

Information

Appointment will be at the Assistant Professor level (tenure track). However, exceptionally, we will consider outstanding candidates for direct appointment to the Associate or Ordinary Professor level, notably if this corresponds with our equal opportunity objectives.

Starting date: August 1st, 2019 (or to be agreed upon)

Contract length: 6 years. Tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor expected after 5-6 years, leading to further 6 year contract, renewable.

Activity rate: 100 %

Workplace University of Lausanne (Géopolis building)

Your Responsibilities

The successful candidate will actively participate in the research activities of the Institute of Geography and Sustainability, will teach in the Bachelor of Geosciences and Environment and in relevant Masters taught by the FGSE, and will supervise masters and doctoral students.

Your Qualifications

Candidates must demonstrate a capacity to undertake quality research, to obtain competitive research funding, and to publish in peer-reviewed international research journals. A demonstrated potential for teaching and for supervising master's and doctoral theses is highly desirable. A good command of both French and English language is preferable. If French is not the native language, teaching ability in French has to be acquired within two years of the appointment.

What the position offers you

The Faculty of Geosciences and Environment (FGSE) of the University of Lausanne is a young and dynamic

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faculty, launched in 2003 and offering state-of-the-art equipment, incentives for projects, and excellent working conditions. It consists of three research institutes (Earth Science, Geography and Sustainability, and Earth Surface Dynamics) and a School that manages teaching and training across these research domains. The FGSE specifically promotes interdisciplinary research and teaching, within and between the social and natural sciences.

The Institute of Geography and Sustainability (IGD) includes geographers (human and physical), economists, and environmental philosophers. The approximately ninety employees of the Institute participate in one or more research groups: Development, societies, and environment; Urban studies; Environmental humanities; Cultures and natures of tourism; Water resources and geoheritage; and Geographic information science.

Contact for further information

Other useful information is available on the websites of the Faculty (www.unil.ch/gse) and the Institute of Geography and Sustainability (www.unil.ch/igd).

For further information, contact the Chair of the selection committee for this position: Prof. Frédéric Herman, Dean of the FGSE (frederic.herman@unil.ch).

Applications

Application deadline: December 17th, 2018 (23:59 Swiss time GMT+1)

Applications in PDF format will be considered only if sent through this website:

<https://bit.ly/2CNHJSz>

or <http://www.unil.ch/central/en/home.html>, -> Jobs -> job ad nr 14109

and should include:

- . a cover letter
- . a full Curriculum Vitae, including previous employment and university training, the date and title of the doctoral thesis, publications, conference presentations and invited lectures, classes taught, and student research supervised
- . a research statement, describing the research the candidate intends to develop and his/her vision of the Environmental Humanities (max. 4 pages)
- . a teaching statement, describing the candidate's teaching approach, intentions for teaching and his or her potential contribution to our teaching programs (max. 2 pages)
- . PDFs of the three most significant publications
- . the names and contact information of five referees

Additional information

The University of Lausanne seeks to promote an equitable representation of men and women among its staff and strongly encourages applications from women. The FGSE's strategy regarding equal opportunity, specifically with respect to the recruitment of professors, is described in point 2.2 of the FGSE's Plan of action in favor of the equality of chances between women and men 2017-2020. Candidates are expressly invited to consult this document at the following website:

<https://www.unil.ch/gse/fr/home/menuinst/faculte/commissions/egalite.html>