



Department of Geography

The Department of Geography at the University of Zurich is recruiting a

Postdoc Human Geography and Development Studies

(80% to 100%, fixed-term)

Starting date: 1 October 2015 (for two years, with possibility of extension)

The position will be part of an internationally recognized research group focusing on processes of development and change from local to global level, applying a range of contemporary theoretical approaches from social and new cultural geography. Ongoing research projects take place in South, Southeast and Central Asia, East Africa and Switzerland, and are engaged with

- challenges to rural livelihoods and the politics of development,
- migration, asylum seeking, multi-locality and development,
- spatial appropriation, nature conservation, and
- geographies of youth and education.

For more information on our research, please visit our website:

<http://www.geo.uzh.ch/en/units/human-geography>

Selection criteria: *The successful candidate is expected to*

- 1) have a PhD (completed or close to completion) in human geography or a related discipline (development studies),
- 2) have a demonstrated interest in contemporary social and development theory,
- 3) have solid experience with fieldwork in a non-western context, preferably with regional expertise on South Asia,
- 4) have some experience in teaching and student supervision at bachelor's and/or master's level,
- 5) have excellent English skills and speak German (or be able to reach a level of proficiency within the first half year of appointment),
- 6) settle down in or around Zurich.

Responsibilities: *The job will entail*

- 1) independent research with publications in high-impact outlets (50%),
- 2) teaching and student supervision at bachelor's and/or master's level (35%), and
- 3) administrative tasks with the human geography unit (15%).

About the position: *we offer*

- 1) a salary of c. 100'000 CHF p.a. (100%);
- 2) a dynamic research environment at a well-established university. The University of Zurich is a choice location to do excellent research. It has an outstanding record in providing its staff with the time and resources needed to carry out research and write high-impact publications. The teaching load is very reasonable in international comparison and the unit provides financial support for fieldwork or conferences travel. The Human Geography unit of the Department of Geography is a highly dynamic group. It is flexible and strongly geared towards empirical research, methodological rigour, theoretical reflection and policy-oriented debate.

Application requirements:

- Cover letter, detailing your research interests and explaining why you consider yourself suitable for the position
- A table outlining detailing your profile for each of the six selection criteria stipulated above
- CV
- The name of 2-3 reference persons whom we can contact
- Writing sample (one article or chapter)

Please compile cover letter, the table, CV and list of references into one single PDF and send it together with your writing sample to Regina Kohler, regina.kohler@geo.uzh.ch

Submission deadline: 01.08.2015

Interviews will be held in August 2015

For further information, please contact Prof. Dr. Ulrike Müller-Böker (ulrike.mueller-boeker@geo.uzh.ch).