

Professor of Geography and Sustainable Development (open rank), specialised in sustainable regional development

The Institute of Geography (www.giub.unibe.ch) at the Faculty of Science of the University of Bern invites applications for the position of Professor of Geography and Sustainable Development. In this position, the appointee will lead the research unit on Sustainable Regional Development, and also take an active role in the interdisciplinary Centre for Development and Environment (www.cde.unibe.ch) of the University of Bern as well as the International Graduate School North-South (www.igs-north-south.ch). She/he is expected to start on August 1st, 2017.

The successful candidate is expected to have a track record in research combining socioeconomic and ecological perspectives of sustainable regional development. More specifically, we are interested in candidates who are focusing their research for example on one of the following topics: Analysis of socio-ecological systems from a social/economic perspective, integrated assessments of sustainable regional development, and/or livelihoods assets and strategies in vulnerable regional contexts. We seek candidates who ground their approaches in sustainable development, heterodox economic thinking and/or critical social theories. She/he should have a strong conceptual and theoretical background in questions related to the epistemology of sustainable regional development, particularly in the context of the global North and South. Candidates should have demonstrated experience in diverse research methodologies (quantitative/qualitative/mixed) and empirically grounded interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches in Integrative Geography. She/he should be capable of developing internationally competitive research programmes and attracting external funding.

Teaching will be at the Ph.D., Master and Bachelor levels (including field courses and excursions). The appointee is expected to teach undergraduate level courses in German or English, while graduate level courses will be mostly in English.

Open rank calls like this one provide the opportunity to adapt the offer to a suitable candidate's past achievements and future competencies. Depending on the qualifications of the candidate, the position will be filled at the tenure track assistant professor to associate or full professor level (Extraordinariat or Ordinariat).

The application should include a letter of motivation, a CV with a short research plan for the next 5 years, a list of publications, funding history, a list of previous teaching activities, and the names and contact information for three references. Applications from women are strongly encouraged. The starting date for the position is August 1st, 2017.

Applications (as one PDF file) and the filled-in questionnaire (to download at: www.geography.unibe.ch/unibe/philnat/giub/content/e9469/e778318/Questionnaire_SusDev_ger.pdf) should be sent electronically by 25 February 2016 to: info@natdek.unibe.ch, and should be addressed to the Faculty of Science, University of Bern, Prof. Gilberto Colangelo, Dean, Sidlerstrasse 5, 3012 Bern, Switzerland. Questions about the position should be addressed to Prof. Heike Mayer, Director of the Institute of Geography, mayer@giub.unibe.ch.