

Founded in 1974, the Institute of Geography at the University of Neuchâtel (IGG) offers a welcoming research environment with strong and friendly interpersonal team relations and dense national and international collaborations. Urban geography and political geography, examining the intersections of space, power and regulation in urban contexts, are among IGG's main research areas.

At the Institute of Geography of the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, we offer a position for a

PostDoc Researcher (50%)

Brief description of the position: The preferred starting date is 1 October 2024. The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to a collaborative SNF research project entitled 'The Responsible City: Swiss responses to housing in socio-ecological crises' under the supervision of Prof. Hugues Jeannerat. This project, carried out jointly by the University of Zurich, ETH Zurich, EPF Lausanne and the University of Neuchâtel, aims to understand how cities respond to socio-ecological controversies in the field of housing (<https://responsible.city>).

The postdoctoral position will be dedicated to qualitative and transdisciplinary research on issues of responsible innovation for urban futures. The postdoctoral researcher will be primarily involved in sub-project 7 (SP7) and will be responsible for translating the knowledge gathered in the other sub-projects (SP 1-6) into policies and practices in the fields of housing and urban development. S/he will also play a central role in organising workshops with policy makers and stakeholders involved in strategic projects and public and/or private initiatives in Geneva and Zurich.



Requirements: You have a PhD in social sciences (preferably geography, sociology, anthropology or political sciences), completed no more than five years ago (date of viva voce). Excellent knowledge of qualitative methods is required. An experience and a strong interest in creative and interactive research methods with policy makers and societal stakeholders is also an important asset.

Excellent written and oral skills in English and good knowledge of French and German are required. An interest in interdisciplinary collaboration with PostDocs, PhD students and the other project partners is essential. Regular attendance at events at the University of Neuchâtel or elsewhere in Switzerland, as well as online, is expected. A person willing to combine this position with another job in research, teaching or practice is welcome.

Benefits: The salary is in accordance with the regulations of the Swiss National Science Foundation. The Responsible City project offers a wide range of collaborative opportunities with other postdocs and PhD students, as well as advanced researchers involved in the different sub-projects. The project will also provide international and national networking opportunities with scholars and key actors in urban development and policy. Remote working is possible in discussion with the project supervisor. A regular presence at the University of Neuchâtel is required to stimulate team building and collaborations among IGG researchers.

Employer: The position is based at the Institute of geography of the University of Neuchâtel. The University of Neuchâtel is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Starting date: 1 October 2024 or by arrangement.

Duration of the contract: 43 Months

Submitting application: Applications (CV and letter) should be submitted before 23 August 2024. For additional information about the position, please contact: secretariat.geographie@unine.ch.

