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General information:

- The Institute of Philosophy at the University of Neuchâtel seeks to appoint two PhD students in connection with the SNF-project, [“An Ontology of Production, Products and By-Products”](#), led by Oliver Massin and Kathrin Koslicki.
- The goal of this project is to develop and implement an ontology of human-made products and by-products by way of a detailed study of the ontology of artifacts (subproject 1) as well as the ontology of wealth and economic goods (subproject 2).
- For more information about the project, please consult the project description: <http://www.unine.ch/philo/en/home/research/an-ontology-of-production.html>.

Starting date:

1 October 2023.

Duration of the Contract:

30 September 2027 (4 years).

Place of Employment:

Institute of Philosophy, Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences, University of Neuchâtel, Espace Tilo-Frey 1, 2000 Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Salary: Year 1: CHF 47'040 (3'920/month); Year 2: CHF 48'540 (4'045/month); Year 3/4: CHF 50'040 (4'170/month).

Job Description:

- One PhD student will conduct research for a doctoral thesis on the ontology of artifacts under the supervision of Kathrin Koslicki.
- A second PhD student will conduct research for a doctoral thesis on the ontology of wealth and economic goods under the supervision of Olivier Massin.
- Teaching: two hours per week, related to the project.
- Participation in the evaluation and proctoring of exams.
- Advising and mentoring students.
- Active engagement in the development of the Institute of Philosophy (organization of conferences, promotion of philosophy to prospective students, etc.).
- Participation in the weekly research symposium as well as other symposia and conferences organized by the Institute of Philosophy.
- Presenting work related to doctoral research at international conferences.
- Participating in workshops and other training for doctoral students.



- Publishing articles related to the doctoral dissertation.
- Plan a one or two semester long stay abroad while conducting doctoral research.
- Regular presence at Institute (an office and IT equipment will be provided).

Qualifications:

- Master's degree in Philosophy; completed prior to taking up the PhD position.
- Extensive background in metaphysics, social ontology, philosophy of action, philosophy of economics, or related areas relevant to a study of the ontology of artifacts (PhD position 1) or the ontology of wealth and economic goods (PhD position 2).
- Curiosity and the ability to conduct original research.
- Passion for teaching.
- Knowledge of English (fluent) required; mastery of, or willingness to learn, French.

Application procedure:

Applications must include the following:

- A cover letter explaining the applicant's fit for the position (one page).
- A curriculum vitae.
- A thesis project proposal (one page).
- A writing sample (ideally, on a topic relevant to the project).
- Copies of diplomas.
- The names and contact information of three references.

Application materials should be sent as a single PDF document to Profs. Kathrin Koslicki and Olivier Massin to the following email address: productsontology@gmail.com. Application deadline: May 31, 2023.

For more information, please contact Profs. Kathrin Koslicki (kathrin.koslicki@unine.ch) and Olivier Massin (olivier.massin@unine.ch).

For additional information, please consult the following websites:

- the University's statutes and salary regulations: <http://www.unine.ch/srh/assistant-e-s-doctorant-e-s>
- the Institute of Philosophy: <http://www.unine.ch/philo/home.html>

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