

Full Professor or Assistant Professor (tenure track) position in “Climate and Society” (50%)

The University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, invites applications for a **full professor or assistant professor (tenure track) position in “Climate and Society” (50%)**

The person hired for this position will:

- be an internationally recognized or emerging scholar in the field of human geography, with a focus on research, teaching and supervision in the study of the interactions between climate and society.
- have foundational skills in climatology and in the social sciences. In this context, the research directions to be favoured could, for example, relate to climate change, its causes and consequences on natural environments, on cultivated environments and on societies. These analyses should be multiscalar and range from local to global issues and dimensions. They concern a multitude of actors (from individuals to international organizations, including social groups and political and economic powers), forms of space (specific places, landscapes, territories, networks) and interrelated issues (ecological and urban transformations, politics, social inequalities, ethical dilemmas).
- have experience in conducting and managing empirical research with a capacity for interdisciplinary openness in teaching as well as in research.
- be able to supervise research based on qualitative methods (text and image analysis, the study of landscapes, interviews, etc.) and on mixed methods to interact with a broad spectrum of colleagues using quantitative as well as qualitative methods.
- Strong teaching skills, and the ability to teach outside of the candidate's main domains of expertise.
- A proven track record of grant acquisition.

Requirements:

Candidates must hold a doctorate in geography or climatology (or equivalent titles) and a publication record related to the profile of the position. As a signatory of the DORA declaration, the University of Neuchâtel attaches importance to a qualitative assessment of candidates' academic activities.

Teaching: 4 periods of 45' per week/per semester during the year (Full professor) or 2 periods of 45' per week/per Semester during the year (Assistant professor), divided between BA and MA. Teaching is conducted in French. Non-French speakers are expected to teach in French after a two-year period.

Supervision: supervision of bachelor, master and doctoral research; active involvement in postgraduate teaching and research (doctoral schools, exchange programmes, etc.).

Administration: Participation in the administration of the Institute of Geography, and of the Faculty/University. Executive management of the institute on a rotating basis.

Research: Development of fundamental and/or applied research in the field of climate and society.



Participation in the research activities of the Institute of Geography (www.unine.ch/geographie) and of the Center for the Understanding of Social Processes (www.unine.ch/maps) as well as in national (doctoral schools in particular) and international networks relating to her or his research fields. Acquisition of external research funding and public outreach; outstanding scholarship and publication at national and international levels, including publications in internationally recognized peer-reviewed journals.

Support:

Teaching assistant: 75 % (PhD student(s),
Secretariat: The Institute has a 70% secretariat.

Treatment: legal, Information from human resources ressources.humaines@unine.ch

Starting date: August 1, 2026 or by arrangement.

Deadline for applications: January 31, 2026.

Procedure: Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications at: www.unine.ch/candis (ref. FLSH_IGG) in the format of a single pdf file including:

- Cover letter
- Detailed curriculum vitae describing teaching and research activities, including a list of publications (please do not send publications at this time; they may be requested later)
- Scientific vision of the field (3 pages maximum) presenting the candidate's main lines of research and the projects s/he intends to develop within the Institute
- Copies of diplomas
- List of three experts able to assess the candidate's scientific skills

The application should clearly indicate the level of the application (assistant professor tenure track or full professor). The candidate's scientific achievements will be evaluated depending on their net academic age. Please indicate in the CV the amount of time actually dedicated to an academic career, after deducting interruptions and non-scientific work.

The candidates selected after examining the files will be invited for a job interview and sample lecture in front of professors and students.

Information: For more information, please contact Prof. Etienne Piguet or Prof. Francisco Klauser (etienne.piguet@unine.ch; francisco.klauser@unine.ch), or write to the Dean of the Faculty (decanat.lettres@unine.ch).

More information about the position, the regulations and the University status governing the procedure for appointing professors, can be accessed from [Emploi - Faculté des lettres et sciences humaines](#)

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