

The Department of Geography at the University of Bern is announcing a

### **PhD position in Geography and Sustainable Development (3 years)**

Our research team is concerned with understanding processes of globalization and sustainable development, particularly topics of work, (higher) education, different forms of (im)mobilities, governance and access to societal resources. Furthermore, we are in the process of establishing a MediaLab in order to work on methods and concepts for studying potentials of filmmaking and multimedia for our research and teaching.

We are looking for candidates who are interested in critical theoretical as well empirical engagement with social dimensions of sustainability related to questions of e.g. human rights, social justice, social innovations, co-production of knowledges, social learning, and social movements in a context of societal transformation.

Tasks and responsibilities:

- Realizing your own PhD research related to the research interests of the unit
- Preparing and submitting scientific publications
- Contributing and participating in our regular research related activities
- Supporting the groups teaching activities and operation of the MediaLab

Requirements:

- A completed Master degree in human geography or in a closely related discipline (e.g. urban/migration studies, sustainable development, social/media anthropology, sociology)
- Ability to conduct fieldwork using methods of social science
- Strong interest to develop or already existing skills in use of film and/or other audio-visual methods

Appointment and employment conditions:

We offer an inspiring inter- and transdisciplinary working environment with plenty of opportunities for an academic career, including participation in workshops and conferences.

- Three years appointment
- A gross salary according to salary regulations of the SNF and Canton Bern
- Excellent language skills in German and English, French would be an asset
- Starting date: February 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 or upon agreement.

Applications should include a letter of motivation, a full CV, a 1-2 pages research idea and plan for the next three years, one writing sample (max. 20 pages, e.g. chapter of thesis), contact information for one reference. Applications as one pdf should be send to Gabriela Burkhardt, [gabriela.burkhart@giub.unibe.ch](mailto:gabriela.burkhart@giub.unibe.ch), by December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017. Questions about the position should be addressed to Prof. Dr. Susan Thieme, [susan.thieme@giub.unibe.ch](mailto:susan.thieme@giub.unibe.ch).