

The National Center of Competence in Research **nccr – on the move** aims to enhance the understanding of contemporary migration patterns. Transcending disciplines, the NCCR brings together research projects from the social sciences, economics and law. Managed from the University of Neuchatel, the network comprises eleven Higher Education Institutions in Switzerland.

At the University of Neuchatel we have an open position for a

Postdoctoral Researcher (80 % FTE)

Short description of vacancy: The successful applicant is expected to contribute to a research project on Migrant Transnational Entrepreneurship, led by Prof. Yvonne Riaño and Prof. Etienne Piguet (Institute of Geography). The start date will be 1 November 2018 (or as agreed upon), for an initial period of two years that could be prolonged up to four years.

The candidate is expected to work independently in order to accomplish the project's objectives. Ability to publish in English in peer-reviewed journals and team spirit are of prime importance. The main tasks performed by the candidate will be the following:

- Literature review on transnational entrepreneurship
- Co-organizing and conducting qualitative fieldwork in Southern Spain
- Analysis of survey data on transnational entrepreneurs in Switzerland
- Publishing individual papers as well as papers with other nccr – on the move scholars
- Collaborating in guiding PhD students and in research report writing
- Collaborating with occasional teaching and workshop organizing.

Requirements:

- Doctorate in social sciences (preferably geography, anthropology, migration studies), dealing with mobility and migration issues, defended no later than four years ago (date of viva voce);
- Excellent knowledge of qualitative methodologies (in particular semi-structured interviews, ethnographic observations and participant observation).
- Scientific interest in migration studies and migrant transnational entrepreneurship
- Ability to analyze statistical data from surveys (descriptive statistics)
- Command of English and Spanish is a necessary condition. French or German are an asset.
- Interest in interdisciplinary collaborations with other nccr – on the move researchers.
Regular attendance of NCCR events at the University of Neuchatel, or elsewhere in Switzerland, is expected.

Benefits: We offer an excellent remuneration package and additional funds for fieldwork and conferences, in accordance with the regulations of the Swiss National Science Foundation. The nccr – on the move offers support measures for researchers with childcare duties.

Employer: The workplace is at the Institute of Geography of the University of Neuchatel. The Institute offers a vibrant, stimulating environment for cutting-edge research, with a global outlook, and a privileged location (at the edge of the lake of Neuchatel with a view of the Alps). The University of Neuchatel is an Equal Opportunities Employer. Qualified women and candidates with a migration history are encouraged to apply.

Submitting application: Applications (letter of intent, CV, names of two referees and a paper or book chapter) should be submitted before 4 May 2018 to yvonne.riano@unine.ch (also for queries).