

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 two open positions for

Doctoral Students

Short description of vacancy: The PhD candidates will be involved in a research project co-directed by professors Tania Zittoun and Janine Dahinden. This project examines how diverse forms of transnational mobility affect and transform social dynamics, as these can be observed in small localities, at the “outskirts” of Europe. The PhD students will conduct one (or more) of the case-studies (in Switzerland, Greece, Spain, Czech Republic and Denmark). The start date will be 1 October 2018 (or as agreed upon). The funding of the doctorate is limited to a period of four years. The successful applicants will complete a doctoral dissertation under the supervision of either Professor Dahinden or Professor Zittoun.

Requirements:

- You have completed a Master degree in one of the social sciences (preferably social anthropology, sociology, geography, social and/or cultural psychology, migration studies).
- Excellent knowledge of qualitative methodologies.
- Excellent written and oral command of English, and of passive French is required. Knowledge of Greek, Danish, Czech and/or Spanish is an asset.
- Interest in conducting a long-term fieldwork in one of the localities under study.
- Scientific interest in critical migration studies and in the study of life course, boundary making, social dynamics, processes of exclusion and inclusion in the field of transnationalisation, mobility and diversity.
- Interest in interdisciplinary collaborations with other nccr – on the move collaborators in the framework of different NCCR events. Participation in an interdisciplinary doctoral program coordinated by the University of Neuchatel is expected.
- Regular attendance of events at the University of Neuchatel, particularly at the MAPS, as well as participation in international scientific networks is required.

Benefits: The salary and working conditions (activity percentage etc.) are in accordance with the regulations of the Swiss National Science Foundation. The nccr – on the move offers attractive working conditions, including support measures for researchers with childcare duties.

Employer: The position is based at the University of Neuchatel. The University of Neuchatel is an Equal Opportunities Employer. Qualified women and candidates with a migration history are encouraged to apply.

Submitting application: Applications should be submitted before 1 May 2018. Please submit by email a CV, a statement of interest, and a list of publication (if available; otherwise submit the Master Thesis in PDF format). Job interviews will take place in Neuchatel, on 28 May 2018. For additional information about the position, please contact: tania.zittoun@unine.ch or janine.dahinden@unine.ch