

World Trade Institute, University of Bern

In the context of the research project "Framing Environmental Degradation, Human Mobility and Human Development as a Matter of Common Concern", funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, the World Trade Institute is seeking:

1 PhD candidate

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| Start date: | 01.02.2017 (or soon thereafter) |
| Duration: | 1 year, renewable up to a total of 3 years |
| Employment: | 100%, salary according to SNSF pay scale for PhD students |
| Workplace: | Bern (Switzerland) |

Project description

As a PhD student, you will work in the research project "Framing Environmental Degradation, Human Mobility and Human Development as a Matter of Common Concern" funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. The project aims to contribute to a conceptualisation of climate-driven migration and a new understanding of the responsibility of states in dealing with collective problems. It is based on the emerging doctrine of common concern in international law. The research team is composed of 1 PhD candidate, 1 research assistant and the project leader Dr. Elisa Fornalé.

Requirements

- Master in LAW;
- Interest in migration law, international law, human rights law, and climate change;
- Fluency in English. Knowledge of German is an advantage.

Job description

The position comprises the following tasks:

- Write a PhD thesis;
- Conduct fieldwork (interviews) in the Pacific Small Islands States;
- Participate in the WTI's in-house interdisciplinary doctoral programme;
- Submit research results for publication in academic journals;
- Present papers at international conferences.

Host institution

The World Trade Institute is a leading academic institution dedicated to graduate-level education and research on international trade regulation and investment. As a centre for excellence of the University of Bern, it explores the interconnections between the fields of law, economics and political science at the global level. For more information: www.wti.org.

Application

The deadline for applications is **20 December, 2016** (midnight CET).

Please submit a letter of motivation, a detailed CV (comprising the names of 2 academic references), copies of highest diploma and (BA and MA) grades, a writing sample (e.g., MA thesis or a seminar paper) to phd.applications@wti.org, in cc elisa.fornale@wti.org, with the subject line: Application Doctoral Programme – Law: SNSF Common Concern).

For more information, please contact Dr. Elisa Fornalé (elisa.fornale@wti.org).