

## JOB OFFER: 2 PhD candidates

**Job title:** 2 PhD candidates for "BRICs Globalization and Labor Protections in Advanced and Emerging Economies"

**Hours:** 100%, salary according to SNSF pay scale for PhD students

**Start date:** 01.01.2017 (or soon thereafter)

**Place of work:** Bern

**Duration:** 1 year, renewable up to a total of 4 years

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### Project description

As a PhD student, you will work on the research project "BRICs Globalization and Labor Protections in Advanced and Emerging Economies" funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. The rapid rise of the BRICs economies of Brazil, Russia, India, and China has important and yet uncertain implications for political-economic developments in advanced industrial and emerging market economies. The project addresses the effects of increased trade competition and foreign investment outflows from the BRICs on labor rights, working conditions and industrial relations in Europe, Brazil and China. The research team is composed of 2 PhD candidates and the project leader Dr. Damian Raess.

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The position comprises the following tasks:

- Conduct innovative research within a collaborative project
- Conduct extensive fieldwork (data collection, interviews) in either Brazil or China as well as more limited fieldwork in Western Europe
- Participate in the WTI's in-house interdisciplinary doctoral programme
- Write a PhD thesis
- Submit research results for publication in academic journals
- Present papers at international conferences

### Requirements:

- Master in political science or equivalent (in particular social science or employment relations)
- Interest in globalization, the study of labor (labor relations, labor politics, labor markets), international political economy
- Interest in quantitative and qualitative methods and data analysis
- Fluency in English, knowledge of Portuguese or Chinese is a key asset. Knowledge of French and/or German is an advantage.

### Applications:

The deadline for applications is **1 September, 2016** (midnight CET). Applicants must provide the following: i) a letter of motivation; ii) a detailed CV (comprising the names of 2 academic references); iii) a writing sample (e.g., MA thesis, a seminar paper); iv) transcripts and degrees of all university/college courses (if not issued in English, officially certified translations are required), including a supplement explaining the grading system; v) a letter from the university from which the applicant obtained his/her master's degree confirming that he/she fulfills the requirements for admission to its doctoral programme; and (optionally) vi) evidence of English proficiency through the submission of objective test scores such as TOEFL (100 or higher) and IELTS (7.0 or higher). Applications must be submitted to [phd.applications@wti.org](mailto:phd.applications@wti.org) with the subject line: Application Doctoral Programme – Political Science: SNSF BRICS.

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