

Research collaborator

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In the context of a collaborative research project in the social sciences on Private regulation of labor standards in global supply chains, the World Trade Institute (WTI) is seeking a research collaborator.

This is a position as research collaborator in the project "Labor Standards Compliance and Buyer-Supplier Linkages in Global Supply Chains" funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and led by Dr. Damian Raess (WTI) and Prof. Matthew Amengual (University of Oxford). The researcher will join a team and conduct research on the governance systems that have been created to monitor and improve labor standards in global supply chains.

Tasks

The researcher will be expected to undertake the following activities:

- Conduct academic research under the direction of Dr. Damian Raess and under guidance of, and in collaboration with the PIs, Dr. Raess and Prof. Matthew Amengual, as well as in collaboration with other team members
- Contribute to the preparation and analysis of data, including choice and implementation of identification strategies
- Contribute to research that will be published in academic journals

Requirements

Essential

- Hold a Master or Doctoral degree in Social Sciences (Economics, Political Science, Sociology, or related fields)
- Competence in quantitative methods in the social sciences, including knowledge of statistical software (Stata and/or R)
- Ability to contribute to research that will be published in leading social science journals
- Fluency in English

Desirable

- Knowledge of core econometrics techniques, in particular instrumental variables and differences-in-differences methods
- Knowledge of the Orbis dataset and fuzzy matching

Start date: 01.03.2023 (or at earliest possible date)

Contract type: Fixed term, 7 months

Location: World Trade Institute, Bern

How to apply

Applicants must provide the following documents in a single PDF file: i) a letter of motivation; ii) a CV (comprising the names of 2 academic references). Applications must be submitted to inquire@wti.org with the subject line: Application research collaborator – SNSF project Private labor regulation.

The review of applications will begin on Monday January 30, 2023. A first round of interviews will be held

on Tuesday January 31. We will accept applications until **Wednesday February 22, 2023 (12:00 PM CET)**.

For more information, please contact Dr. Damian Raess (damian.raess@wti.org).

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