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## Open PhD position in Law at the World Trade Institute, University of Bern

In the context of the research project “Switzerland’s Sustainability Footprint: Economic and Legal Challenges”, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), the World Trade Institute is seeking:

### 1 PhD candidate

Start date: 1 September 2018 (or upon agreement)

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

Employment: salary according to SNSF pay scale for full-time PhD students in Bern (Switzerland)

Workplace: Bern, Lugano and Geneva

### Project description

The SNSF project “Switzerland’s Sustainability Footprint: Economic and Legal Challenges” funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation is an interdisciplinary project that focuses on developing new measures to achieve sustainable footprint targets for the Swiss economy and examining the effectiveness and limitations of alternative policies aimed at sustainable consumption patterns. As a PhD student, you will be expected to develop your own research project on the regulatory challenges posed by the shift towards a consumption-based sustainability strategy in Switzerland, with a focus on international trade law constraints applicable to the design of mandatory price-based instruments and voluntary labelling standards. Analysis of existing databases on labelling standards as well as collection and analysis of complementary data may also be required.

### Requirements

- Master of Laws (Swiss or equivalent, with a grade average GPA equivalent to at least 4.75 under the grading system of the University of Bern);
- Interest in international trade law and environmental law and policy;
- Fluency in English. Knowledge of German is an advantage.

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## Job description

The position comprises the following tasks:

- Write a PhD thesis;
- Participate in the WTI interdisciplinary doctoral programme;
- Submit research results for publication in academic journals;
- Present papers at international conferences.

## Terms of employment

Research is to be carried out in close cooperation with USI Lugano (Prof Ilaria Espa) and the International Trade Centre and World Trade Organization. The PhD candidate will be enrolled in the WTI Graduate School of Economic Globalisation and Integration, which offers an inspiring interdisciplinary environment and ongoing training and coaching in trade law, international economics and trade politics. The salary is determined according to the pay scale of the Swiss National Science Foundation.

## Application

The deadline for applications is **15 June 2018** (midnight CET), but early applications are encouraged as we may start reviewing applications earlier. Short-listed candidates will be invited to Bern or interviewed via telephone or video conferencing.

Please submit a letter of motivation, a detailed CV, two letters of recommendation, copies of highest diploma (BA and MA) grades, a writing sample (e.g., MA thesis or a seminar paper) to [phd.applications@wti.org](mailto:phd.applications@wti.org), cc [ilaria.espa@wti.org](mailto:ilaria.espa@wti.org), with the subject line: Application Doctoral Programme – Law: SNSF Sustainability).

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