



Vacancy

“Academic Assistant (60%)” / PhD-Position at the chair of Social Anthropology of Prof. Dr. Johannes Quack, University of Zurich, Switzerland

We offer:

A dynamic, innovative and challenging research and teaching environment, an excellent opportunity for further qualifications, and a motivated faculty interested in academic exchange. PhD students have the opportunity to join the „Swiss Graduate Program in Anthropology“ (<http://anthropology.cuso.ch>).

Department:

The Department for Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies (Ethnologie) of the University of Zurich consists of four chairs, which supervise the research projects in Social Anthropology. Regionally, the focus is mainly on Asia, but research and teaching also address other regions, including Europe. All four chairs are members of the University Research Priority Program (URPP) Asia and Europe (http://www.asienundeuropa.uzh.ch/index_en.html)

Responsibilities:

As an “Academic Assistant” (Junior Lecturer / PhD Researcher) you are working on your own research project, the objective of which is the doctorate. At least 40% of your working time will be reserved for your own research. The rest of the working time will be spent on teaching (undergraduate) courses – you will be assigned one class per semester – and supervision of student work and other fields of activity, such as:

- Participation in the Social Anthropology Colloquium Series
- Coordination of literature acquisition in the relevant area of specialization
- Supporting the chair in administrative tasks
- Participation in University committees and commissions

For more information, please read the provisions of the General Outline of Rights and Responsibilities for holders of junior academic positions of the Faculty of Arts of January 25, 2005:

http://www.rd.uzh.ch/rechtssammlung/richtlinien/RPH_PhF.pdf - this document unfortunately is only in German but you will find further information here: http://www.grc.uzh.ch/phd-postdoc/PhD_Guide_en.pdf

Terms of employment:

Employment of 60% as “Academic Assistant” following cantonal guidelines. For a start, the employment is limited to one year and may be extended up to six years on the basis of a positive evaluation. The position offers attractive working conditions and a competitive salary.



Requirements:

M.A. or an equivalent university degree that qualifies you for a doctorate in Social Anthropology.

Desired, but not necessary are:

- Theoretical and empirical interests in the fields of the anthropology of religion or medical anthropology
- Interest in South Asia
- Research experience
- Teaching experience

Applicants are not expected to speak German. But we expect that people who work with us for a longer period of time start to learn German.

Starting date:

August 1, 2015 or by mutual agreement

Contact:

Kindly note that our homepage is currently under reconstruction and not yet available in English.

In case of further questions please do not hesitate to contact us!

For questions regarding the application process: Georg Winterberger, Executive Director (0041 (0)44 635 22 17, georg.winterberger@uzh.ch)

For questions regarding the profile: Prof. Dr. Johannes Quack (0041 (0)44 635 22 11, johannes.quack@uzh.ch)

Application:

We are looking forward to your application. Please enclose the following documents:

- Cover letter with an indication of your research interests
- Curriculum Vitae
- A chapter of your M.A. thesis as a writing example
- Copies of your degrees
- Address of two persons who can be contacted for a letter of recommendation

Please send your documents to pia.kumar@uzh.ch or the following postal address:

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