

Opening

Visiting Professorship in Gender Studies "Social Economics, Globalisation and Gender"

Fall Semester 2012

Context

The Division of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work of the University of Fribourg and the Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies of the University Bern announce a joint Visiting Professorship in "Social Economics, Globalisation and Gender" for the fall semester 2012. This Visiting Professorship is supported by the Swiss Network Gender Studies CH and part of its interuniversity curriculum in Gender Studies. The Network Gender Studies CH is a co-operative project of the Swiss University Conference (SUC), with ten universities and institutions of higher education participating.

Thematic Focus

For the Visiting Professorship, we are looking for an economic sociologist or social economist with international reputation, who is able to analyse, based on a theoretically and empirically grounded as well as interdisciplinary approach, current economic developments in a global context and from a gender perspective. S/he should work on several of the following areas of research:

- interdisciplinary approaches to Economic Sociology or Social Economics, especially Feminist Economics, Care Economics and Political Economy in a global context
- Development Policy, Global Economic Governance and Global Political Order from a gender perspective
- theoretical and empirical research on the gender-specific division of labour as well as on paid and unpaid work (home work, family work and voluntary work)
- institutional topics like property, income, monetary system, access to resources etc. from a gender perspective
- debates on the welfare state and public debt from a gender perspective, including Gender Budgeting
- current socio-economic debates and developments, e.g. the care crisis and shortage of nursing staff, cuts in public spending, growing of social inequalities worldwide, social and economic human rights

Required qualifications

Applicants for the Visiting Professorship are expected to have made relevant research contributions to the field of "Social Economics, Globalisation and Gender" and to work on some of the above-named areas of research. Further requirements are

- (Assistant) Professorship, or corresponding position in mid-level faculty, or equivalent academic qualification
- interdisciplinary research and its transfer into international contexts
- ability to teach in English

Teaching

The Visiting Professorship involves teaching of about 72 hours consisting of

- weekly or block courses at the Universities of Fribourg and Bern
- block courses, workshops and lectures at other universities of the Network

The exact scope and arrangement of the teaching programme will be discussed with the visiting professor and the hosting institutions.

The courses are taught in English. If desired by the visiting professor, courses at the German-speaking universities and the University of Fribourg may be taught in German and courses at the French-speaking universities in French.

Duration

The Visiting Professorship starts with the beginning of classes of the fall semester 2012 on September 17, 2012 and lasts for three months. Details concerning the start and duration of the stay will be arranged by agreement.

Salary and infrastructure

The Visiting Professorship has a total budget of about CHF 40 000. This includes the salary, travel expenses, accommodation for three months, as well as travel within Switzerland.

During her/his stay the visiting professor will be provided with office space and general infrastructure. The Visiting Professor may count on some help from the hosting institutions when organising the courses and lectures.

Application dossier

Applicants please submit the following documents in English, German or French

- Letter of application
- CV with list of publications
- List of suggested topics of courses and lectures

before **February 29, 2012** to ulrike.knobloch@unifr.ch

Institutional Responsibility

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