

The Department of Political Science at the University of Lucerne (CH) is looking for

Two Research Assistants / PhD Students
(50 % positions, starting December, 1st 2012 or upon agreement)

to participate in two research projects on power shifts in global economic regulation financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) and the Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS).

One position (3 years, SNF) deals with the eventual decline of EU and US influence on international trade regulation vis-à-vis emerging powers. The second position (2 years, SNIS) analyses whether and how Brazil, China, India and Mexico are conveying their growing economic weight into regulatory influence.

The sectors under study are (depending on the project) competition policy, intellectual property rights, technical standards and services-related labour mobility (GATS mode 4).

We expect

- an MA degree in Political Science/International Relations or adjacent discipline
- a background in international trade regulation and/or foreign economic policies of one/several of the countries mentioned
- a solid knowledge of political science/IR theories and methods
- knowledge of one or more of the sectors in question is an asset

We offer

- the possibility to conduct a PhD associated to a stimulating research programme and to join a team of highly motivated international scholars and practitioners including partners in the countries under study and from relevant International Organizations
- competitive salary of between ca. 42'000 and 50'000 CHF per annum
- additional training and research funding opportunities within the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Lucerne (GSL)

For questions please contact Prof. Dr. Sandra Lavenex at the address below. More information about the projects can be found at: http://www.unilu.ch/eng/lehrstuhl-für-internationale-politik-und-global-governance_607559.html

Your application should include: 1) a cover letter explaining why you are interested in the position; 2) your CV; 3) an overview of your MA studies and grades; 4) a writing sample (seminar paper, extract of MA thesis or the like).

Applications should be sent before 9/30/ 2012 electronically to polsem@unilu.ch