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VACANCY

We are a cross-faculty team collaborating in an international research project entitled: **Feminization, agricultural transition and rural employment** (www.fate.unibe.ch).

The project investigates the transition from subsistence-based towards commercial agriculture, the development of rural labour markets and its gendered implications in four low-income countries of the Global South: Bolivia, Rwanda, Nepal and Laos.

For the second phase of the fate project CDE offers:

2 PhD positions at the University of Bern

DUTIES

Emphasis will be given to comparative analyses across countries and to a value chain perspective. In light of the rapid changes the study areas are subject to, the PhD studies will address questions of how the gains and risks of the rapid commercialization are shared. More specifically, the successful candidate will contribute to the following activities:

1. Coordinate and assist in the second wave of data collection via tailored household survey to enquire rural labour relations.
2. Engage in qualitative assessments to substantiate the quantitative analysis.
3. Join the team in the comparative cross-country and longitudinal analyses.
4. Work closely with the management team in the synthesis efforts.
5. Be an active member of a PhD group.

REQUIREMENTS

We invite applications by candidates with a background in the social sciences (economics, development studies, sociology, geography, political science, social anthropology). Proven experience in empirical research and knowledge of current debates in gender and development are a must. We prefer candidates who are prepared to spend a substantial time of their PhD studies in the field. We further assess the candidates' ability to frame their work within relevant theories.

Good communication skills, namely fluency in English is an important prerequisite. Excellent references as well as outstanding results in the Master's certificate are an asset.



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WE OFFER

- Collaboration in an experienced, dynamic, multidisciplinary team
- A stimulating working environment in a multinational, multicultural context at the interface of academic research and development cooperation

DETAILS

Funding: 3 years, in accordance with the standards of the Swiss National Science Foundation. The project operates within the R4D scheme, jointly funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation and the Swiss Development Cooperation. (www.r4d.ch)

Location: One position will be administered at the Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies ICFG, the other at the Centre for Development and Environment CDE, University of Bern, Switzerland.

Starting date: July 1, 2017

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Application deadline: 21 April 2017

Application materials: Please send your CV, an electronic version of your Master's thesis, your Master's certificate including degrees, three references, and a letter of motivation to: personaladministration@cde.unibe.ch

CDE values diversity and is committed to equal opportunities; applications are welcome from all suitably qualified candidates who meet the stated criteria.