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VACANCY

The Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) is an interdisciplinary research centre of the University of Bern. Its overarching goal is to produce and share knowledge for sustainable development in cooperation with partners in the global North and South. CDE conducts research to develop innovative concepts and solutions for the sustainable governance of resources. One of CDE's central concerns is to foster dialogue between science and society while contributing to global debates on sustainability and development.

CDE is leading the research project "Sustainable Trade Relations for Diversified Food Systems". The project starts on 1 July 2019 and is funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) as part of the National Research Programme NRP 73 "Sustainable Economy". For details, see: <http://www.snf.ch/en/researchinFocus/nrp/nfp-73/Pages/default.aspx>

Food systems are highly complex and interdependent. Transforming them into *sustainable* food systems will require multisectoral, multidisciplinary efforts. In this project, a team of lawyers, agronomists, geographers, and historians will examine how governments can improve their trade relations to foster diversified, sustainable food systems.

For this project, CDE is seeking a

Junior Research Scientist with Legal Background, 35%–45% (with possibility of broader combined job*)

to contribute to the "legal backbone" of the project as well as assist in coordination and policy engagement.

DUTIES

- Contribute to academic papers and policy briefs
- Conduct desk research and expert interviews
- Cooperate closely with the project leaders and assist in coordination
- Cooperate with various experts from different academic backgrounds
- Present research findings at academic conferences and other events, and organize such events
- Engage with project advisors and stakeholders
- Occasionally contribute to University teaching in sustainability and law
- Manage the contents of the project's web page
- Integrate into CDE and become acquainted with its main research approaches

***POSSIBLE COMBINATION WITH OTHER ASSISTANT POSITION**

This position could be combined with an assistant position to the chair for Constitutional and Administrative Law at the University of Fribourg (40–70%). The applicant would additionally support the chair holder in teaching, research, and university administration. It also offers an opportunity to write a PhD, ideally in the field of international trade, human rights law, and/or sustainability law. For further information, please contact Prof. Eva Maria Belser: evamaria.belser@unifr.ch

REQUIREMENTS

- Completed education in legal studies (major or minor)
- Explicit interest in constitutional and international public law
- Interest in and curiosity for inter-/transdisciplinary research
- Preferably some knowledge in international trade law
- Experience in drafting scientific texts and organizing academic/policy-related events
- Strong interest – and ideally experience – in sustainability issues related to food production
- Possible interest in writing a PhD (in addition to the project; requires qualifications for PhD admittance)
- Good English-language writing and communication skills; good skills in German and/or French; skills in Spanish are a plus
- Strong organization and coordination skills
- Cooperative and engaged personality; ability to work under time pressure and meet multiple deadlines
- Ability to work both autonomously and in a participatory manner (co-authored publications)
- Experience in the global South and command of social media are a plus

WE OFFER

- Employment conditions and remuneration in accordance with the standards of the University of Bern, Switzerland, and the Swiss National Science Foundation
- Collaboration in a dynamic, engaged, and multidisciplinary team
- A stimulating working environment in an international, multicultural context
- A part-time position with flexible working hours
- Depending on opportunities, the possibility to engage in additional consultancy work related to policy coherence for development
- Opportunity to write a PhD thesis related to the topic of the project

DETAILS

Starting date: 1 July 2019 (or as soon as possible thereafter)

Place of duty: CDE, University of Bern, Mittelstrasse 43, Bern, Switzerland; www.cde.unibe.ch

(for the complementary position: Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg, Av. Beauregard, 1700 Fribourg, Switzerland; <https://www3.unifr.ch/federalism/en>)

Duration: 2.5–3 years

Application documents: Please send your letter of motivation, CV with academic/professional certificates, and three references together as single PDF document to: personaladministration@cde.unibe.ch

Application deadline: 17 May 2019

Job interviews: 27 May 2019, between 8 AM and 3 PM, at CDE, Bern, i.a. with Elisabeth Bürgi (CDE) and Eva Maria Belser

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