

PhD Position (100%)

Doctoral Researcher in the SNF Research Project “Affective Citizenship: Religion, Migration and Belonging in Europe”

Your position:

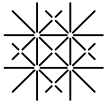
The seminar of Sociology invites applications for a three-year PhD position as part of a research project funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation and directed by Prof.Dr. Bilgin Ayata. The research project explores the relationship between religious incorporation and citizenship with a comparative study of Alevi and Sunni Muslim faith communities who have migrated from Turkey to Europe. Building on the emergent literature of affective citizenship that highlights the role of affect and emotions in the relationship between states and subjects, this project approaches religious incorporation in form of legal recognition as an affective citizenship regime. The successful candidate will be responsible of Subproject 2 which will explore if and how processes of legal recognition of Alevism and Islam in Switzerland, Austria and Germany changes feelings of political belonging. The successful candidate will prepare and carry out ethnographic fieldwork in three cities where Alevi and Sunni communities have been experiencing different degrees of incorporation (Basel, Vienna, Hamburg). She or he will work closely with the entire project team on the overall research objectives while responsible for the specific subproject on the relationship of religious incorporation and political belonging.

Your profile:

The successful candidate will have a solid foundation in affect and emotion studies, migration research and studies on secularism and religious plurality in Europe. A formidable background in the social sciences and qualitative methods is a must. Candidates should have an excellent Master`s degree in sociology, political science, or a related field. Fluency in German and English is a non-negotiable requirement, knowledge of Turkish is desirable. Previous experience in qualitative field research are of advantage. Candidates should be strongly committed to writing, publishing in peer-reviewed journals, enjoy working in a research-active team and have strong organizational and communication skills. Experience with blogging and social media is desirable.

What we offer you:

We offer an international, collegial and supportive work environment with an excellent research infrastructure at the University of Basel. The position is funded for three years beginning December 1st, 2018. The salary corresponds to the SNSF rates for doctoral students.



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Please submit your motivation letter (max 2 pages), CV, electronic copy of your MA thesis, two writing samples and contact details for two academic references to jacqueline.staub@unibas.ch. The application deadline is **November 20th 2018**. For further inquiry, please contact bilgin.ayata@unibas.ch.