

The School of Humanities and Social Science at the University of St. Gallen with the support of the Society in Science – The Branco Weiss Fellowship is recruiting a

Postdoctoral Position

Economies of the body and reproduction

Starting date: 1 August 2016 (duration: 24 months)

The position will be part of the new research group 'Transcultural Studies' headed by Prof. Dr. Carolin Schurr focusing on transcultural economies of bodily commodification. Theoretically informed and empirically grounded research projects of the group engage with questions of culture, mobility, intimacy, and affect in the field of assisted reproduction. The research group is part of the larger interdisciplinary research initiative 'Transcultural Spaces of Work' at the University of St. Gallen.

Funding for project-related fieldwork is available. The main place of work will be St. Gallen, with periods of fieldwork.

Selection criteria: *The successful candidate is expected to:*

- have a PhD (completed or close to completion) in human geography or a related discipline (anthropology, sociology, cultural, visual or gender studies),
- have a demonstrated interest in contemporary social and cultural theory in general and Science and Technology Studies, Actor-Network Theory, theories of affect, feminist or postcolonial theories in particular,
- have solid experience with (multi-sited) fieldwork, qualitative and/or visual methods.
- have some experience in teaching and student supervision at bachelor's and/or master's level,
- have excellent English skills, experience with publishing in English is an asset,
- take up residence in or around St. Gallen.

Responsibilities: *The job will entail*

- 1) independent research with publications in high-impact outlets (60%),
- 2) teaching (3 hours/ term) and student supervision at bachelor's and/or master's level (30%),
- 3) administrative tasks with the research group (10%).

About the position: *we offer*

- a salary of c. 66.000 CHF p.a. (70%);
- funding for fieldwork and conference travel;
- reasonable teaching load (1.5 course per semester);
- a dynamic and interdisciplinary research environment within a young research group.

Application requirements:

- Cover letter, detailing your research interests and explaining why you consider yourself suitable for the position;
- CV;
- The names of two persons to serve as references;
- One-page research proposal of your postdoctoral research;
- Writing sample (paper or chapter).

Please send all above documents as one single pdf file to Carolin Schurr (carolin.schurr@unisg.ch). Submission deadline: 4 April 2016. Please feel free to contact carolin.schurr@unisg.ch if you have further questions.