

1-year Postdoc position (60%) on geography of science fiction from China

at the Department of Geosciences, Geography Unit, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

This postdoctoral position is part of a research grant titled "Science, fiction and power: rethinking planetarity through post-Earth science fiction from China". In collaboration with the PI, the postdoctoral researcher will analyse selected science fiction literature for their ideas of Earth as geological and socio-ecological entity at the planetary scale. Funding for this position is provided by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) under the framework of a SPARK grant.

Job description

- Scientific analysis of selected science fiction literature from China
- Co-organisation of panel at international conference
- Publication of one scientific article in international peer-reviewed journal
- Preparation of research project on science fiction from China for grant application
- Support of PI in grant administration

Qualifications

Candidates with the following credentials are invited to apply:

- A completed PhD in literary geography, political geography, Chinese studies, science fiction studies or other relevant fields
- Evidence of publication capacity
- Strong background in social theory and literary analysis
- Interest and ability to work in a collaborative and interdisciplinary manner
- Native or near-native proficiency in Mandarin Chinese
- Very good language skills in English, knowledge of German or French is an asset

Conditions of employment

The appointment will be for 12 months. Gross salary is in the range of 50K CHF per year (60%) and follows the salary scale of the canton of Fribourg.

Starting date: 1 February 2020

Application

Please submit the following documents as a single PDF file to Mrs. Nicole Equey (nicole.equey@unifr.ch)

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Publication list and one sample writing (e.g. scientific article or book chapter)
- Names and contact information of two referees

Deadline for application: 13 December 2019

Interviews: 19 and 20 December 2019

All inquiries should be directed to Christine Bichsel (christine.bichsel@unifr.ch)

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