

Faculty of Science at the University of Bern  
Institute of Geography

## **Professor in Cultural and Social Geography**

**Open rank: Assistant Professor Tenure Track, Associate or Full Professor  
(German Titles: Assistenzprofessur Tenure Track, außerordentliche oder ordentliche Professur)**

The Institute of Geography ([www.giub.unibe.ch](http://www.giub.unibe.ch)) within the Faculty of Science at the University of Bern invites interested candidates to apply for the position of Professor of Cultural and Social Geography. In this position, the appointee will lead the research unit in cultural and social geography in the Institute's Department of Human Geography. She/he is expected to start on August 1, 2018.

We seek a scholar with the potential to sustain a strong, externally funded research program, advise students and teach courses in human geography with a particular focus on cultural and social geography. We understand cultural and social geography as critical inquiry into questions about socio-spatial disparities and in/exclusion of social groups in the context of globalization and an increasingly multicultural society. The successful candidate will have an interest in current social debates, have a strong theoretical foundation (e.g. critical social and cultural theories) and an expertise in qualitative methods.

Teaching will be at the Ph.D., Master and Bachelor levels (including field courses). The appointee is expected to teach undergraduate level courses in German (a grace period may be negotiated), while graduate courses will mostly be in English. It is expected that the person contributes to the Institute's and Faculty's administrative duties.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. in geography, although degrees in related fields will be considered provided the applicants have a strong background in geography.

### **About the Institute of Geography**

The Institute of Geography at the University of Bern is known for combining basic and applied research in physical, human and integrative geography. The research units apply cutting-edge scholarship to socially relevant questions, practice outreach and have a tradition of working inter- and transdisciplinary. The faculty collaborate in research centers such as the Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies, Oeschger Centre for Climate Change, Centre for Development and Environment and the Center for Regional Economic Development.

### **Application Instructions**

The application should include a letter of motivation, a CV with a full list of publications, funding history, a list of previous teaching activities, an outline of the teaching philosophy, a research plan for the next five years. Applications of women are strongly encouraged. The University of Bern supports job sharing.

Applications (as one PDF file) and the completed questionnaire (to download at: [www.geography.unibe.ch/unibe/portal/fak\\_naturwis/e\\_geowiss/c\\_igeogr/content/e524557/e524558/Quest.Soc.Cult.Geo.ger.pdf](http://www.geography.unibe.ch/unibe/portal/fak_naturwis/e_geowiss/c_igeogr/content/e524557/e524558/Quest.Soc.Cult.Geo.ger.pdf)) should be sent electronically by February 20, 2017 to: [info@natdek.unibe.ch](mailto:info@natdek.unibe.ch), and should be addressed to the Faculty of Science, University of Bern, Prof. Gilberto Colangelo, Dean, Sidlerstrasse 5, 3012 Bern, Switzerland. Questions about the position can be directed to Prof. Heike Mayer, Director of the Institute of Geography, [mayer@giub.unibe.ch](mailto:mayer@giub.unibe.ch).