

Postdoc in Feminist Geographies (80-100%)

Unit Social and Cultural Geography, University of Bern

Starting Date: January-February 2022

The **Unit Social and Cultural Geography at the University of Bern** seeks to understand how processes of globalization affect intimate lives (for more information, see our [website](#)). Research and teaching of the group are located in the field of feminist political, social and cultural geographies and include the following themes: reproduction and care, digitalization of everyday and intimate life, biopolitics and population control, migration and displacement, agricultural and embodied labor in toxic workplaces, etc. We are an international and transdisciplinary group working in close collaboration with other research units at the [Institute of Geography](#), the [mLAB](#) and the [Interdisciplinary Center for Gender Studies](#) at the University of Bern.

We are seeking a postdoctoral scholar to join the research team led by Prof. [Carolyn Schurr](#). The successful candidate will contribute to the unit's international research in the field of feminist geographies. The position is initially for three years, with the possibility for an extension to a total of six years. The post-doc is expected to develop and conduct an independent research project that complements research in the unit, to publish results in academic outlets as well as outlets for a broader public in collaboration with the mLAB and to participate in (inter)national conferences. Teaching and supervision on BA and MA level are part of the position. A sound command of oral and written German and English is mandatory, as teaching takes place in German on Bachelor level and in English and German on Master level.

The position

Starting date: 1 January or 1 February 2022

Workplace: Institute of Geography, University of Bern, Switzerland

Salary: According to the guidelines of the University of Bern, depending on your academic experiences

Budget for fieldwork and conferences is available.

Your Tasks:

- Develop and conduct an independent and innovative research project in the field of feminist geographies that speaks to the unit's research profile
- Teaching and supervision on BA- and MA level
- Co-develop and conduct research with new affectual and artistic methods in a collaborative fashion with the research team, research participants, and artists

- Co-organize workshops and conferences
- Present your research at scientific conferences and public events
- Publish results in international peer-reviewed journals and in public outlets
- Participate and co-organize in the group's activities such as lecture series, retreats, art events
- Contribute to the experimental space of the mLAB which situates itself at the intersection of research, art, and digital media
- Participate in the Institute's academic and social life.

Your Qualifications:

- Completed PhD in Human Geography
- Methodological skills in qualitative empirical research methods (experience with participative, visual or artistic methods is an asset)
- Excellent command of English, in writing and speaking is a requirement. Sound knowledge of German for teaching required
- Having a team spirit

We Offer:

- For you to be part of a feminist team consisting of academics, artists, and activists.
- Working in an international and innovative research environment comprising the Department of Geography ([GIUB](#)), the [mLAB](#) (an experimental space that brings together research, media, and arts), and the Interdisciplinary Center of Gender Studies ([IZFG](#))
- A luminous workplace with view on the Alpes at the Department of Geography
- Flexible and family-friendly working hours and space for activist approaches and creativity

For more information about this position, please contact Prof. Carolin Schurr (carolin.schurr@giub.unibe.ch). Applications include the following documents: curriculum vitae with contact details of two referees and copies of relevant degrees and certificates, a cover letter of max. 2 pages laying out your motivation for the position, how you meet the criteria detailed above and your career plans, one page outline of a possible research project on the above-mentioned topics, and an academic paper, book chapter, or chapter from your thesis that represents best your past academic work. Please send all documents in one pdf file (name.pdf) to Leonie Haller (leonie.haller@giub.unibe.ch).

Closing date for applications: **25 October 2021**. Interviews will take place in Bern or online on **5 November 2021**.

We value diversity and equal opportunity and encourage in particular researchers with migration or working-class backgrounds to apply for this position. The selection process builds on the criteria of the [Better Science Initiative](#). The desired starting date of the position is **1 January 2022** and the successful candidate is expected to move to Bern, Switzerland.