

# Job Title: Postdoctoral position on new mountain commons

Requisition ID **20902** - Posted - (Research) - (Geosciences and environment) - (Full time) - (Faculty of Geosciences and the Environment) - (Assistant)

## Introduction

The University of Lausanne (UNIL) is a higher teaching and research institution composed of seven faculties where nearly 15,000 students and 5,000 collaborators, professors, and researchers work and study between the Dorigny campus and the CHUV, Epalinges and Sion sites. As an employer, it encourages excellence, recognition of individuals and responsibility.

## Presentation

The Institute of Geography and Sustainability (IGD) seeks to fill a **Postdoc researcher** position for a period of 18 months within the SNSF-funded project Mountain COMmons : Questioning past and present Commons to address territorial development issues in MOUNTain areas (ComMount).

The IGD is an interdisciplinary community of about 130 academics that work in the fields of Geography and Sustainability. With 27 professors and lecturers, and more than 60 PhD students and Postdocs, the department offers a vibrant, stimulating environment for cutting-edge research. It hosts regular lecture series and distinguished guest researchers from around the world.

## Job information

Starting date: **01.09.2023**

Contract length: 18 months

Activity rate: 100%

Workplace: University of Lausanne, Institute of Geography and Sustainability, **UNIL-Sion Campus, Bramois**, Switzerland

## Your responsibilities

The successful candidate will participate in the above-mentioned research project that UNIL (Prof. Leila Kebir, Prof. Emmanuel Reynard, and Prof. Stéphane Nahrath) is carrying out in collaboration with the Università della Svizzera italiana (Prof. Luigi Lorenzetti and Dr. Roberto Leggero) and the *Centre régional d'étude des populations alpines* CREPA (Dr. Yann Decorzant).

In a context of global change, mountains are faced with major economic, social and environmental challenges. Among the different possible levers to respond and adapt to these challenges, "new commons" appear as potential ones. This interdisciplinary project (economics, geography, history and political science) aims to understand how these new commons - i.e. commons associated to the provision of goods and services from resources other than natural ones - emerge, are structured and organised and how they relate (or not) to the 'historical commons' that still exist in mountain regions. More information here: <https://tinyurl.com/ywtr7dcj>.

In this context, the candidate will:

- Participate in 1) the definition of the interdisciplinary research protocol and 2) the coordination and execution of the preparatory work necessary for the selection of case studies;
- Contribute to the preparatory work by carrying out, among other things, historical research on the cases of new commons envisaged;
- Once the case studies have been selected, he/she will participate in the analysis of the context of emergence (and evolution) of the new commons studied (historical research);
- Contribute to the realisation of the different tasks of the research as well as to the organisational tasks of the project.

He/she will collaborate with the two PhD students working on the project.

## Your qualifications

- PhD in history or equivalent (PhD in another humanities and social sciences discipline that has involved historical research);
- Knowledge of commons would be appreciated; an interest in mountain regions too;
- Knowledge of the Swiss institutional and historical context would be a plus;
- Organizational and interpersonal skills as well as initiative capacity;
- Ability to collaborate in an interdisciplinary research team;
- Have at least a passive knowledge of French (communication language), good knowledge of English required (oral and written). Knowledge of Italian (passive) would be a plus.

## What the position offers you

We offer a stimulating work environment and atmosphere, with dedicated support for developing an academic career. Members of our research groups become part of international networks and benefit from opportunities to attend conferences and workshops around the world. Salary is based on the salary scale for post-doctoral researchers of the Swiss National Science Foundation ([www.snf.ch](http://www.snf.ch)) and additional funds for fieldwork and conferences are available. Different formation opportunities are possible at UNIL or in Swiss institutions that promote post-doctoral research.

## Your application

**Deadline: 04.06.2023 (recruitment interviews will take place on the 16th of June).**

Please submit the following documents in PDF format only via the career website of the University of Lausanne:

- Letter of motivation;
- Full CV;
- Scans of university degrees and course transcripts/marks;
- The PhD thesis (and a research paper, if available).

Only applications through the website will be taken into account.

## Contact for further information

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## Additional information

UNIL is committed to equal opportunities and diversity: [www.unil.ch/egalite](http://www.unil.ch/egalite)

UNIL supports early career researchers: [www.unil.ch/graduatecampus](http://www.unil.ch/graduatecampus)