PhD position in Economics (100%)

at the Institute of Economic Research of the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, in the following fields: experimental economics, energy/environmental economics, behavioral economics, and information economics.

**Job starts:** 1 October 2017  
**Term:** 4 years (renewable each year)  
**Location:** Neuchâtel, Switzerland

**Job description:** The objective of the position is to write research papers in applied economics, combining theory and empirical analysis to inform the design of public policies, and ultimately earn a PhD in Economics. The successful candidate will work under the supervision of Prof. Bruno Lanz (https://sites.google.com/site/brunolanzwebpage/) and will contribute to a Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) research project. The project focuses on (i) theory and evidence on credence goods, (ii) the provision of network infrastructure, and (iii) elicitation of time and risk preferences. Results from the project will contribute to informing the design of environmental / energy policy. The appointment is renewable each year for a maximum of four years, and salary is in accordance with the SNSF salary scales for doctoral students.

The focus of this position is on research, although the candidate will be required to complete core PhD-level courses in economics as part of her/his doctoral work (e.g. http://www.szgerzensee.ch/courses/doctoral/swiss-program/). S/he will also be expected to participate in the activities organized by the Institute (incl. our weekly seminar series). The University of Neuchâtel provides excellent conditions for research, and is conveniently located near the lake of Neuchâtel, with outstanding infrastructure and quality of life (http://www.unine.ch/unine/home/futur_etudiant/vivre-a-neuchatel.html).

**Applicant profile:** The candidate should hold (or be close to finish) a master degree in economics or another relevant field, and have a good intuition for empirical economic research. Interest in economic experiments, energy policy and/or behavioral economics is an advantage. The candidate will demonstrate a strong potential to produce high-quality research, which demands an excellent command of English.

**Application procedure:** Applications should include a cover letter with a statement of motivation and research interests, a CV (with at least two academic referees who could be contacted for reference letters), a transcript of grades from the master degree, GRE scores (if available), and the candidate’s master dissertation. For candidates who have not yet completed their master degree, please indicate this in your cover letter, append a list of completed courses / grades by the time of the application, and describe your intended dissertation work in the cover letter. Candidates who have not taken the GRE should be prepared to do so by February 2018.

Applications should be sent as a single pdf file to bruno.lanz@unine.ch with the subject name “PhD application – [your surname]”. The review of applications will start on 1 July 2017 and will continue until the position is filled. Only complete applications will be considered.

Would you need further information, please contact Prof. Bruno Lanz.

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