

UNIVERSITY OF LUCERNE

The University of Lucerne is a modern, personal and dynamic human sciences university at the heart of Switzerland and Europe. In keeping with our guiding principle 'Moving Human Sciences', we focus on people and their institutions with our six faculties and two academies, soon to be joined by two university research centres. Our aim is to develop the University of Lucerne into a pioneering, internationally visible centre for research and teaching in the human sciences.

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, with its ten institutes and departments focuses on interdisciplinarity and innovation in research and teaching. The faculty offers its nearly 800 students a range of integrated degree programmes that are unique in Switzerland. We place great emphasis on excellent supervision and on ensuring close links between teaching and research.

As of the 1 September 2024 (or by agreement), we are looking for a

PhD position in Social Anthropology (100%, 4 years)

The successful PhD candidate will conduct research within the Ambizione project "GBTIQ+ Parents and Single Fathers in Switzerland: **Parenting Outside Hegemonic Family Norms**" funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). Using ethnographic methods, theories, and findings, the project will research men living in Switzerland whose parenting is contested because they fall outside of the heterosexual, cis-gender, two-parent family norm. As a result, they are regularly discriminated against, stigmatized, and face a range of interrelated social, legal, political, and economic challenges that impact on their parenting. According to the project proposal, the PhD candidate will focus on single fathers, but other forms of parenting outside the hegemonic norms, such as transnational fathers, imprisoned fathers, young fathers, or disabled fathers, may also be examined.

Responsibilities:

- Plan and realise a PhD project through conducting an ethnographic study
- Present findings at national and international conferences
- Publish in international peer-reviewed journals
- Collaborate with organizations and stakeholders in the field of parenting
- Contribute to science communication for a non-academic audience
- Contribute to the overall aims of the research project by participating in regular meetings and organizing workshops
- Participate in the research (and minor teaching) activities of the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology

Requirements:

- Good Master's degree in Social Anthropology, Gender Studies, Sociology, Human Geography, Social Work, Migration Studies, Disability Studies, or related fields
- Excellent knowledge of (Swiss) German or French (knowledge of both languages is a plus) and English
- Experience in and motivation for qualitative research (ethnographic methods, interviews, group discussions, etc.)
- Willingness to live in Switzerland; willingness to travel throughout the country to conduct research
- Team orientation; strong motivation to work in a precise, engaged, and self-organized manner; committed to work in an interdisciplinary field
- Knowledge of participatory methods is an asset

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What we offer:

- A highly motivated, dynamic, and inspiring research environment; excellent opportunities for further qualification; possibility to participate in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences; opportunity to develop transferable skills through continuing education
- Extensive networking with research groups at German, French, and English-speaking universities
- Flexible working hours and the opportunity to work on a mobile basis on certain weekdays and during the semester break
- Attractive workplace near the railway station and the lake
- Secure funding for four years including fieldwork, workshops, and conference visits abroad
- Additional funding can be obtained via the SNSF for the purpose of compatibility (e.g. childcare costs) and equal opportunities, and separate applications can be made for doc-mobility for stays abroad

Persons underrepresented in academic institutions and/or parenting research are particularly encouraged to apply. For further information on the advertised position, please contact the Ambizione-project leader (from September 1, 2024; currently a senior researcher at ETH) Dr. Carole Ammann, (ammannc@ethz.ch). More information about the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Lucerne can be found [here](#).

We look forward to receiving your application **by 18 April 2024 via our job portal** www.unilu.ch/jobs as one pdf file. Please attach the following documents:

- A letter of motivation (max. 2 pages)
- Curriculum Vitae, including the contact details of two referees
- Chapter of the MA thesis or a publication as a writing sample
- Copies of degree certificates