

## **Deux postes de doctorant-e-s FNS en droit (100%) à la Faculté de droit de l'Université de Neuchâtel**

**Entrée en fonction :** 1<sup>er</sup> mars 2021 ou date à convenir

**Durée du contrat :** 4 ans

**Lieu de travail :** Université de Neuchâtel

**Salaire :** Conditions usuelles de l'Université de Neuchâtel pour les doctorant-e-s FNS

The Faculty of Law at the University of Neuchâtel (Switzerland) invites applications for 2 four year fully-funded PhD positions within the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Eccellenza-project "The Increasing Weight of Regulation: The Role(s) of Law as a Public Health Tool in the Prevention State" of Prof. Mélanie Levy.

The project at the intersection of law and public health investigates the prevention state as the latest chapter in the history of governmentality of health and the human body. It critically analyzes the evolving social contract of health and the boundaries of collective, individual, and corporate responsibility for health and disease, in the current era of self-optimization and omnipresence of the "moralizing state". Beyond fundamental questions of law and political theory, the project focuses on innovative regulatory tools designed to promote healthy behavior such as nudges, public-private-partnerships, social impact bonds, and health insurance incentives. More information on the project can be found here: <http://p3.snf.ch/project-181125>.

### **Your position**

- Writing a PhD thesis in law relevant to the content of the Eccellenza-project of Prof. Mélanie Levy.
- Contributing to the literature on public health law with research articles published in international peer-reviewed law and public policy journals.
- Active participation in the activities relevant to the Eccellenza-project as well as team meetings, conferences, and workshops at the Faculty of Law at the University of Neuchâtel.

### **Your profile**

- You have an excellent academic degree (master or equivalent) in law by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.
- You like academic research and are familiar with or willing to integrate a socio-legal approach for the analysis of legal norms, practices, and institutions.
- You have a strong interest in public health law.
- You are highly motivated to work constructively within the Eccellenza-project of Prof. Mélanie Levy and to participate actively in the activities of the Faculty of Law at the University of Neuchâtel.
- You have an excellent command of English, French or German, both spoken and written; good knowledge of the other two languages is expected.

### **We offer you**

- Opportunity to write a PhD thesis in public health law in a stimulating and dynamic team with diverse research interests.
- Possibility to participate in a PhD program dedicated to health law, which offers advanced methodological and substantive training as well as professional development.
- Various opportunities to present your research nationally and internationally, to discuss it, and to co-organize workshops on topics in public health law.
- Access to international research and scientific networks.
- Attractive working conditions in a dynamic and vibrant research environment.

### **Application / Contact**

Please submit your application as a single PDF file, including 1) a cover letter describing your interest and motivation to become part of the Eccellenza-project; 2) CV; 3) diplomas of academic degrees; 4) a writing sample (*e.g.*, paper, essay or part of MA-thesis); 5) names and contact details of at least two academic referees, by October 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 to Prof. Mélanie Levy ([melanie.levy@unine.ch](mailto:melanie.levy@unine.ch)).

For inquiries please do not hesitate to contact Prof. Mélanie Levy.

The salaries are the standard SNSF salaries for PhD positions in Switzerland. We value diversity and encourage applications from groups that are under-represented in law.