**POSTDOCTORAL RESARCHER POSITION in Sociology**
**within NORFACE project on inequality across the life course**

## Job description

The University of Lausanne (UNIL) promotes learning, research and living and hosts 14'100 students and nearly 3'800 collaborators, professors, and researchers. Ideally situated along the lake of Geneva, near Lausanne's city center, its campus brings together over 120 nationalities.

The Life Course and Inequality Research Centre ([LINES](#)) of the University of Lausanne and the Swiss National Centre of Competence in Research [LIVES](#) on life course and vulnerability are looking for a postdoctoral researcher for the [NORFACE](#) project '*Critical Life Events and the Dynamics of Inequality"* (2017-2020). This transnational research programme will be carried out jointly by the University of Amsterdam (prof. Leopold, Bol, Kalmijn, van de Werfhorst), University of Lausanne (prof. Oesch, Studer), University of Oxford (prof. Monden, Bukodi), and Stockholm University (prof. Härkönen, Thomson).

The project studies the impact of two critical life events – job loss and union dissolution – on the life trajectories of adults and their children. The project's objectives are to understand (1) how job loss and divorce contribute to the accumulation of disadvantage over the life course; (2) what mechanisms explain the unequal impact of these events; and (3) which policies are effective in targeting these mechanisms in order to reduce inequality.

Work will be conducted within five research groups that apply comparable designs to the analysis of longitudinal data in Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. The groups will develop a common theoretical framework and come together in regular meetings including all junior and senior members.

The postdoctoral position offered at the University of Lausanne will contribute to the project by focusing on the Swiss case and analysing Swiss panel data (SHP, COCON, Swiss National Cohort). *During the three years of employment, the successful applicant has the possibility to make short research stays at the three other universities (Amsterdam, Oxford and Stockholm).*

## Requirements

The ideal candidate holds the following credentials:

- a PhD in sociology or another relevant social science discipline, obtained after October 1st, 2015
- strong statistical expertise
- experience in the analysis of large-scale longitudinal datasets
- good skills in Stata and/or R
- good writing skills
- fluency in English, spoken and written
- a good research and publication record relative to the career stage
- organisational and presentation skills

**Conditions of employment**

- Starting date: October 1$^{st}$, 2017 or to suit
- Full-time position (100%)
- Duration of employment: 3 years
- Place of work: University of Lausanne, Géopolis
- Yearly gross salary: 82,558 Swiss francs in the 1$^{st}$ year, 87,345 Swiss francs in the 3$^{rd}$ year (corresponding to roughly 75,000€ in the 1$^{st}$ year, 79,800€ in the 3$^{rd}$ year)

The terms of reference of this position can be found here:
https://applicationspub.unil.ch/files/rh/cdc/1499760711.7673.pdf

**Applications**

Applications should include in one single pdf-document:

1. a coverletter (1 page)
2. a CV including a list of publications
3. a copy of the PhD degree and grades of Master and Bachelor programmes
4. the contact details of two references familiar with the applicant's academic work
5. two academic writing samples that are relevant to this project (articles or manuscripts)

**Deadline**

Applications must be sent no later than **August 20, 2017**

Only applications through the website will be taken into account (go to: University of Lausanne, career portal, SuccessFactors, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences)

Interviews will be conducted on August 29$^{th}$, 2017 in Lausanne or on September 1$^{st}$, 2017 at the ECSR conference in Milano (during the job market session).

**Additional information**

For further information regarding the position and research project, please send an email to prof. Daniel Oesch (daniel.oesch@unil.ch).