

## First assistant in social studies – Biodiversity conservation

### Introduction

The University of Lausanne (UNIL) is a higher teaching and research institution composed of seven faculties where nearly 15,500 students and 5,000 collaborators, professors, and researchers work and study. Ideally situated along the lake of Geneva, near Lausanne's city center, its campus brings together over 120 nationalities.

### Presentation

The Institute of Geography and Sustainability (IGD) seeks to fill a position of **First assistant in social studies of market-based instruments of biodiversity conservation**. This position is under the responsibility of Prof. Valérie Boisvert and linked to the “Political ecologies” group,

The IGD is an interdisciplinary community of about 100 academics that work in the fields of Geography and Sustainability. With 19 professors and more than 80 PhD, post-doctorate students and researchers, 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: **01.07.2022**

Contract length: 1 year, renewable 2 x 2 years

Activity rate: 60%

Workplace: University of Lausanne, Institute of Geography and Sustainability, Lausanne, Switzerland

### Your responsibilities

The successful candidate will develop personal research in social sciences on market-based instruments related to biodiversity conservation combining theoretical reflection and empirical content. The work will be carried out in relation with the FNSF-funded research project entitled “Institutional promises and their constitutive force: Market-based solutions to the biodiversity crisis”. It will be linked to the research of the team on cultivated biodiversity and the links between agriculture, food and conservation. Ongoing research programmes deal with the valorization of cultivated biodiversity and its products, and with alternative agricultures in Switzerland and in Europe, as well as in developing countries (Latin America, Middle East).

The successful candidate will devote 40% of working time to her/his personal research (post-doc), with the remaining time (20%) reserved for supporting research and teaching of Prof. Valérie Boisvert.

### Your qualifications

The successful candidate is expected to have a Doctoral degree in social sciences (geography, anthropology, sociology, economics...) on a policy instrument for biodiversity conservation. A solid field experience in one of the regions covered by the team's research and a good knowledge of international environmental governance (actors, instruments, reference systems) would be appreciated.

French and English language proficiency is expected (French is the teaching language at UNIL).

## **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.

We offer an excellent remuneration package and additional funds for fieldwork and conferences. Different formation opportunities are possible at UNIL or in Swiss institutions that promote research.

## **Your application**

**Deadline: 15.05.2022**

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

- letter of motivation
- full CV
- a short (2-3 pages) research proposal
- scans of university degrees
- the Doctoral thesis
- one to three representative papers

Only applications through the website will be taken into account:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdevhbh7>

## **Contact for further information**

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## **Remarks**

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