



Postdoctoral Researcher (80%) for a three-year appointment (2017-2020)

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Applications for one postdoctoral researcher position are open at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), with support from the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). The successful applicant will work for the project “Transparency: Qualities and Technologies of the Global Gemstone Industry” and will be hosted at the IHEID by the Center on Conflict, Development & Peacebuilding (CCDP) in collaboration with the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy.

The project investigates the linkages between technical expertise, qualitative assessment, and bureaucratic legibility in the production of transparency, with a focus on the global gemstone industry and its nodes of evaluation, certification, and consumption. What makes a mineral transparent and ethical or, by the same token, opaque and unethical? What sustains, or undermines, transparency as a global social and economic value? Empirically, this study examines how transparency is assessed, enacted, and regimented across the mineral’s lifespan, as well as the regulatory and certification practices enabling the production and trade of gemstones on a global scale. For more information, see <http://graduateinstitute.ch/ccdp/ccdp-research/research-projects/transparency-qualities-and-techn.html>.

The selected candidate will contribute to one or more of the following research foci: i) Mineral certification, tracking and grading; ii) Supply chain standards and regulations; iii) Monitoring agencies and regulatory authorities; iv) Commodity markets. In addition to co-authored publications, the postdoctoral fellow is expected to conduct independent and self-standing research.

Eligibility

Ph.D. in anthropology, sociology, political science, economics, science and technology studies, or any related field in the social sciences (or expected by September 2017).

Requirements

The ideal candidate will work autonomously and collaboratively in multidisciplinary research, be comfortable handling qualitative and quantitative data, and have project-oriented organizational skills. Field of specialization in or previous research on mining, corporations, laboratories, or international organizations is desirable. Fluency in English is required. Knowledge or experience with data visualization, data mining, or blockchain technology would be an asset. Residence in Geneva and working command of French is to be expected.

Conditions and Selection Process

The position will run from October 2017 (or agreed upon later date) through October 2020. Remuneration follows SNSF salary guidelines.

To apply, please send as one pdf file: one-page letter of motivation addressed to Prof. Filipe Calvão, a complete CV (including three references), and one publication of less than 10,000 words.

Applications sent to ccdp@graduateinstitute.ch (subject: Transparency position) by **August 15, 2017** will be considered. Interviews will be conducted by mid-September 2017.