

At the University of Geneva, Switzerland, we have an open position for a

Postdoc researcher

Successful applicants will work in the research project ‘Transnational Ageing among Older Migrants and Natives: A Strategy to Overcome Vulnerability’ (TransAge)

Application deadline: 12 October 2018

Fixed-term position for 3 years

Job description

TransAge project

‘Transnational Ageing among Older Migrants and Natives: A Strategy to Overcome Vulnerability’ is a project financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation and led by Prof. Ruxandra Oana Ciobanu at the Centre for the Interdisciplinary Study of Gerontology and Vulnerability and the Institute of Demography and Socioeconomics, University of Geneva.

TransAge will develop a better understanding of transnational practices to overcome vulnerability in old age by doing an innovative comparison between older international migrants, internal migrants and natives. The project will use a mixed-methods research design.

Research activity

The objective is to underpin the factors contributing to vulnerability in old age and compare older natives and migrants in Switzerland and Italy in terms of vulnerability and transnational practices.

Relying on primary and secondary data analysis, the candidate will study the factors contributing to or hindering vulnerability in old age, and compare older natives and migrants in Switzerland and Italy. Aside from quantitative analysis, s/he will co-elaborate the questionnaire and co-supervise the data collection process (to be sub-contracted).

Requirements

Profile of the ideal candidate:

- PhD in Social sciences (e.g. Sociology, Social statistics, Socioeconomics, Demography)
- Strong statistical expertise in longitudinal data analysis (sequence analysis, ...)
- Expertise in the analysis of large-scale longitudinal datasets
- Good knowledge of SPSS, Stata and / or R

- An interest in migration / mobility and gerontology
- Fluency in English, spoken and written, French is a plus
- Good research and publication record relative to the career stage
- Organisational and presentation skills
- Being interested to work in a team and in an interdisciplinary and international environment

Tasks expected from the Postdoc candidate

- Analyse several databases
- Publications in international peer-reviewed journals
- Development of research materials (e.g. questionnaire)
- Participate to the co-supervision of a data collection that will be sub-contracted
- Participate to the co-supervision of MA students
- Participate in administrative tasks in relation to the research project (e.g. conference organisation)
- Present research results in national and international conferences

Conditions of employment

- Start date: 1 March 2019 or soon thereafter
- Part-time position: 70%
- Duration of employment: 3 years
- Place of work: University of Geneva
- Information on salary: <https://memento.unige.ch/doc/00056>

Application procedure

Applications in English should be sent by e-mail to Ruxandra Oana Ciobanu at oana.ciobanu@unige.ch by **12 October 2018**.

The title of the e-mail should be 'TransAge – Postdoc'.

The application should contain the following documents:

- Curriculum Vitae, including a list of publications
- Motivation letter (1 page)
- Name and contact details of two references familiar with the applicant's academic work
- PhD diploma and the PhD thesis report (if available)
- Two writing samples (out of which at least one based on quantitative empirical analysis)

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed in person in Geneva or via skype.

For further information, please contact Ruxandra Oana Ciobanu at oana.ciobanu@unige.ch.