PhD student position in temporality in psychoanalysis USI Università della Svizzera italiana

Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) is a young and lively university, a hub of opportunity open to the world where students are offered a quality interdisciplinary education in which they can be fully engaged and take center stage, and where our researchers can count on having the space to freely pursue their initiative.

Established in 1996, USI is in constant evolution, always taking on new challenges while remaining true to its three guiding principles: quality, openness and responsibility.

USI invites applications for a fully funded PhD position in temporality in psychoanalysis.

Research topic and scientific environment
While the specific topic of the thesis is still open, and has to be agreed with the main supervisor, Prof. Boas Erez, and approved by the relevant Faculty committees, it will address the relevance of temporality in the practice of and the theoretical writings in psychoanalysis.

Depending on the topic chosen, the candidate shall be enrolled in the Ph.D. programme in philosophy or the Ph.D. programme in communication sciences / argumentation. This will allow the successful candidate to work in a dynamic research team and in a multidisciplinary and international scientific environment.

Candidates’ profile
Ideal candidates should satisfy the following requirements:
• A Master degree in a relevant area (such as philosophy, argumentation theory, or psychology), finished with top marks prior to appointment
• High motivation for academic research
• Ability to work independently and to plan and direct own work
• An acquaintance with the practice of psychoanalysis will be highly considered
• Fluency in French and/or German, as part of the research will require the analysis of the works of Jacques Lacan and Sigmund Freud
• Motivation to engage in the elaboration of a PhD dissertation. Ability to work in team and autonomy in scheduling research steps. Interest for teaching and tutoring students and availability to collaborate with colleagues (engage in scientific dialogue, listen and think critically) are required.
Admission decisions are based on the candidate’s background, interests, attitude and potential for academic achievement. The successful candidate will collaborate on teaching activities at USI, and will ideally start his/her collaboration and research activities in the second half of 2024.

Workplace is USI Università della Svizzera italiana, located in Lugano, Switzerland.

The Application
Applications may be submitted upon acceptance of the Applicant Personal Data Processing Notice found at the following [LINK].

Applications should contain: (1) a letter in which the applicants describe their research interests and the motivation to apply, (2) a complete CV, (3) copies of relevant diplomas, certificates, and (4) the names of two (academic) references that can be contacted for further information.

Please send your application in one single pdf document to Prof. Boas Erez (boas.erez@usi.ch) with the subject “Ph.D. in psychoanalysis”.

The call is open until the position is filled. Applications received by July 31, 2024, will be given priority.

USI strives to be an equal opportunity and family friendly employer and is further responsive to the needs of dual career couples. We guarantee that the selection process will give equal opportunities to female and male researchers. As an institution that values diversity, USI particularly encourages applications from women and from all individuals from underrepresented groups.

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