

Postdoctoral Research Position in Applied Economics at Università della Svizzera italiana (USI)

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The Institute

The Institute of Economics (IdEP) at the Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) in Lugano, Switzerland, invites applications for one postdoctoral research position in the context of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) Sinergia project: "Institutional Foundations of Industrialization, Financialization, and Globalization of the Swiss Economy. Evidence from 140 Years of the Commercial Registry" (<https://data.snf.ch/grants/grant/209465>). Project leader: Prof. Raphael Parchet.

The project

The project builds on a set of records in the Swiss Commercial Registry, published daily since 1883, from which we will produce a unique dataset of 140 years of Swiss corporate history featuring information about firm key characteristics, purpose, owners and finance. The project aims at shedding light on i) the history of firms and business groups in Switzerland, ii) the role of taxation and other local legislation on firms' location decisions and organization, iii) with a particular focus on the ownership structure.

The project is multi-disciplinary and international.

The PostDoc Position

The candidate will be integrated and collaborate with the entire research team encompassing researchers located at USI (Marco D'Ambros, computer science), ETH (Elliott Ash, law and economics), University of St. Gallen (Anna Stünzi and Tina Freyburg, political science), and the University of Liège (Malka Guillot, economics).

The Institute of Economics at USI an exciting research environment, competitive terms and conditions, and generous research support. The annual salary ranges from CHF 80,000 to 85,000 (USD 80,000 to 85,000). The appointment is initially for up to three years with annual renewals. The position can potentially be extended by participating in competitive funding opportunities (e.g. SNF Ambizione, Marie Curie, etc.).

Candidates' profile

The successful candidate is a young researcher holding (or being close to completing) a PhD in Economics. (S)he will conduct independent research while concurrently contributing to the main research project.

Knowledge of Italian is not a requirement. Experience in Natural Language Processing considered as a plus.

General terms

Applications received by December 1, 2023 will be given priority. The starting date is September 1, 2024, but an earlier date is also possible.

Interviews will be conducted online subsequently and on the European Job Market (EJM) on December 11-14, 2023 until the position is filled. Owing to the large number of applications received, only those applicants whose profiles are likely to fit the position will be notified for further details and eventual interviews.

The Application

To inquire for this position, please submit a cover letter, two reference letters, a CV, a job market paper to [EconJobMarket](#). For questions on the position, please email: raphael.parchet@usi.ch.

As an institution that values diversity, USI particularly encourages applications from women and from all individuals from underrepresented groups.

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