



Universität Zürich^{UZH}

The History Department of the University of Zurich
and its Research Institute for Social and Economic History (FSW)
invite applications for a

PhD position

(full time, limited to four years)

This position is part of the following Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) «Sinergia Project»

Local power structures and transnational connections. New perspectives on elites in Switzerland, 1890-2020.

Subproject (S1): Chambers of commerce: local actors with transnational connections.

The research project (see www.unil.ch/obelis/sinergia) will focus on local elites in the three main Swiss cities (Zurich, Geneva and Basel) and will address both the transformations of local power structures and the multi-level implication of local elites (from local to transnational connections) in a long-term perspective. Building on a pathbreaking data collection on national elites by the OBELIS Swiss Elites Observatory (www.unil.ch/obelis), this project brings together specialists from different disciplines (history, political science, sociology and management studies) situated at the Universities of Lausanne, Fribourg, and Zurich. The successful candidate will write a PhD dissertation in the subproject devoted to the role of local business organizations, and in particular Chambers of commerce, in the three cities mentioned above. This dissertation will be supervised by Prof Matthieu Leimgruber, University of Zurich.

Requirements

- Candidates should hold an MA degree in Modern History, preferably with a focus on social and economic topics. A MA degree in a related social science (notably Sociology, Political Science or Political Economy) can also be considered but candidates should then demonstrate historical research experience.
- Candidates should demonstrate good linguistic skills in German, French and English. The research project will deal with multi-lingual archival materials and its working sessions will also be multilingual. The PhD dissertation can be written in either German, French or English.
- Candidates should have a working knowledge of basic research software (word processing, spreadsheets, bibliographic software). Specialized knowledge in data management software and/or other digital humanities skills and/or experience will be a plus.

What we offer

- The annual gross salaries for the position will follow SNSF regulations for such PhD positions.
- The appointment will begin on **September 1st, 2019**, or shortly thereafter.
- The PhD candidate will be integrated in a national research team encompassing researchers located in the Universities of Zurich, Lausanne and Fribourg in Switzerland, as well as the dynamic community of the OBELIS lab (www.unil.ch/obelis).
- The PhD candidate will have the opportunity to develop his/her digital humanities skills.
- For any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact matthieu.leimgruber@uzh.ch.

Application procedure

- **Applications (one PDF file)** should contain a cover letter stating your motivations and mentioning two potential reference persons, a curriculum vitae, as well as a sample of academic writing.
- Please send your application dossier to sylvia.rodriquezcastellano@uzh.ch.
- **Deadline: May 15, 2019.**