

4 PhD Positions in Philosophy

University of Fribourg & University of Neuchâtel (Switzerland)

Summary

Starting date: 1st of January, 2011 (or possibly later if so desired)

Duration: three years

Research areas: aesthetics, ethics, philosophy of mind, metaphysics and the history of 18th-century philosophy (especially Hume)

Salary: 40.000 – 46.000 CHF per year brutto (funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation)

New application deadline: 8th of August, 2010

The successful candidates are expected to join both the *Experience & Reason* research group (www.exre.org) and the envisaged successor to the current ProDoc graduate school in philosophy (www.philosophie.ch/prodoc-romand).

Imagination, Emotion and Value

Two of the positions are part of the research project *Imagination, Emotion and Value* (www.aesthetics.exre.org), which concentrates on the role of imagination and emotion in aesthetics and ethics, both from a historical perspective (mainly Hume, Kant and the phenomenologists) and from a systematic perspective.

First position: *Imagination, Emotion and Moral Value in Hume's Ethics*

— Location: University of Neuchâtel

— Research areas: Hume; Ethics; History of 18th-century philosophy

— Additional expected interests: Kant; Philosophy of Mind; Aesthetics

(Note: this position is linked to **Sub-Project A** of the project.)

Second position: *Imagination, Emotion and Moral Value in Contemporary Philosophy*

— Location: University of Fribourg

— Research areas: Ethics; Philosophy of Mind

— Additional expected interests: History of 18th-century philosophy; Aesthetics

(Note: this position is linked to **Sub-Project C** of the project.)

Experience of Space and Time

The other two positions constitute the module *Experience of Time, Space and Art* of the envisaged new ProDoc graduate school *Mind and Reality*, which is meant to bring together about twenty PhD students in philosophy from the Universities of Fribourg, Geneva, Lausanne and Neuchâtel. This specific module is concerned with the nature and experience of space and time, with a special focus on pictorial art.

Third position: *Time, Experience, and Art*

— Location: University of Fribourg

— Research areas: Aesthetics; Philosophy of Mind; Metaphysics

— Additional expected interests: Epistemology

Fourth position: *Spatial Awareness Across the Modalities and in Pictorial Experience*

— Location: University of Fribourg

— Research areas: Philosophy of Mind; Aesthetics

— Additional expected interests: Epistemology

Supervision

The PhD student at the University of Neuchâtel will work together with, and be supervised by, Richard Glauser and Alix Cohen (currently still at the University of Leeds).

The three PhD students at the University of Fribourg will work together with, and be supervised by, Gianfranco Soldati, Cain Todd (currently still at the University of Lancaster), Jiri Benovsky and Fabian Dorsch.

Requirements

Degree. The candidates should have obtained, or be close to obtaining, an MA, Swiss Licence or equivalent in philosophy. (Under special circumstances, a BA in philosophy might perhaps already be sufficient; please contact gianfranco.soldati@unifr.ch for more information.)

Languages. Teaching and research will primarily be done in English, so candidates should be sufficiently proficient in English, both in writing and in discussion. At Neuchâtel research may also be done in French. In addition, the prospective PhD students are expected to have some passive knowledge (reading & listening) of French *or* German (note that, concerning the position in Neuchâtel, German is not an option).

Research topic. Each of the PhD students is expected to work on one of the four listed topics *or* on a suitably related topic.

Participation. During the periods in which the research group is in session (which may exceed term time), the PhD students are expected to be present in Neuchâtel or Fribourg, respectively, for four days per week. Their presence includes the active participation in the following events (which will mostly take place in Fribourg or in Neuchâtel):

- (i) The individual meetings with their supervisors (every two or three weeks)
- (ii) The meetings of the research group (fortnightly)
- (iii) The ProDoc teaching module (weekly)
- (iv) The local research colloquium in Fribourg or Neuchâtel, respectively (weekly)
- (v) The workshops or conferences organised in relation to the research group or the ProDoc (about one or two per term)

The PhD students are also so expected to help with the organisation of some of these events. Otherwise, no teaching or administration duties are involved.

Application procedure

The deadline for applications is the **8th of August, 2010**.

Please send electronic applications to **philosophie@unifr.ch**, clearly stating for which position(s) you are applying. It is possible to apply for more than one of the four positions.

Your application should include the following documents:

- (i) Your **CV** (including a list of publications, if applicable)
- (ii) A **writing sample** (e.g., an essay or a chapter of an BA/MA thesis)
- (iii) A short description of the **proposed research** (up to 2000 words) (in case of applications for more than one position, please submit a proposal for each position)

Please also arrange for **two letters of reference** to be sent to philosophie@unifr.ch by the 8th of August.

We aim to inform candidates about our decision by the end of August 2010. We also might arrange interviews prior to that date (most likely via Skype or telephone).

If you have any further questions concerning the positions, please write an email to **gianfranco.soldati@unifr.ch**.