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The University of Lausanne is a higher teaching and research institution composed of seven faculties where approximately 14,300 students and nearly 3,900 collaborators, professors, and researchers work and study. Ideally situated along the lake of Geneva, near Lausanne's city center, its campus brings together over 120 nationalities. The Institute of Social Sciences (ISS) invites applications for a position as:

## Doctoral student in Quantitative Social Research (100%)

for a Swiss National Science Foundation entitled "Coupled Inequalities. Trends and Welfare State Differences in the Role of Partner's Socio-Economic Resources for Employment Careers" led by Prof. dr. Leen Vandecasteele

The candidate will have the opportunity to become a member of the Doctoral Programme of the NCCR LIVES 'Overcoming vulnerability: life course perspectives'

Starting date: 01.10.2019  
Duration of contract: 1 year, renewable contract for 3 years with a full duration of 4 years.  
Employment rate: 100%  
Workplace: University of Lausanne, Géopolis

### Your profile

- Master's degree in Social Sciences with a quantitative component (Sociology, Demography, Economics, Political Science, Psychology... or similar degree)
- Interest in topics of social inequality, social policy, life course and family sociology/demography
- Practical experience with quantitative social science data analysis methods
- Familiarity with statistical software (e.g. Stata, R, SPSS)
- Working language is English

### What we offer / expect

- We offer a nice working place in a multicultural, diverse and dynamic academic environment
- The opportunity to collaborate in a team consisting of the principal researcher, a postdoc, phd-student and associated project partners
- The possibility to develop an independent phd-thesis fitting within the project aims
- The opportunity to participate in the LIVES doctoral program, in research training, in international congresses and to report research findings in international outlets.

### Project aims

Understanding the way in which people's labour market outcomes are influenced by their household members has become indispensable and timely against the background of social developments like the rise of female employment and inequality between families. The aim of this project is to investigate how the socio-economic status of both partners in a couple shapes household employment patterns over the life course, in different countries and over generations.

Previous research has examined the role of partner effects, but studies explicitly addressing the time trends and country context of partner effects are rare. Partner effects may be stronger/weaker in certain countries, after different life events and will have changed in their magnitude over generations. In order to formulate testable hypotheses, theories of the welfare state are used, next to theories of social stratification and cumulative (dis)advantage as well as theories of the division of labour within families and social capital transmission. Hypotheses are tested about how specific characteristics of the labour market and family policy influence the way in which the socio-economic position of the partner plays a role. The research is based on longitudinal analyses of the European Survey of Income and Living Conditions data, the British Household Panel Survey, the German Socio-Economic Panel and the Swiss Household Panel.

## **Your Application should include:**

- (1) Motivation letter
  - (2) CV, listing the names of two referees which we will contact independently (do not include reference letters)
  - (3) Grades obtained in Bachelor and Master's program
  - (4) A piece of academic writing as example (chapter of MA dissertation, seminar paper etc.)
- Please send your application in PDF

## **Application deadline: 1 May 2019**

Interviews will provisionally take place in the week of 13-17 May 2019

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Only applications through the UNIL career portal will be taken into account.

## **Further information**

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*UNIL is committed to promoting gender equality and strongly encourages applications from female candidates.*