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Doctoral candidate in Law

Interdisciplinary SNSF research project „Human Rights, Entrepreneurial Rights, and Legal Empowerment of the Poor“

We seek a doctoral student to join the team of the interdisciplinary research project “Human Rights, Entrepreneurial Rights, and Legal Empowerment of the Poor”, which is carried out jointly by the University of Zurich’s Competence Centre for Human Rights (UZHR), the University of Zurich’s Research Priority Programme in Ethics, and the University of Zurich’s Center for Microfinance at the Department for Banking and Finance (CMF). The project is supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).

The project brings together the fields of philosophy, law, and economics to investigate the concept of “Entrepreneurial Rights” (ER) and to assess the instrumental value of ER for poverty alleviation in specific contexts. It aims at addressing fundamental conceptual, normative and practical questions put forward in recent research and conceptual work on legal empowerment of the poor. Within this project framework, the doctoral candidate will be working on the **sub-project “Legal challenges in defining and protecting Entrepreneurial Rights”**, focussing on the clarification of the connection between ER and human rights and the development of strategies to legally ground the former in the latter. Empirical work will focus on the corresponding legal and institutional frameworks of ER in a set of Southeast Asian countries as defined within the overall research team. The law sub-project should result in a PhD dissertation within the Faculty of Law.

The doctoral student will work in an interdisciplinary team with researchers in philosophy and in economics. The place of work will be at the UZHR. Compensation will follow the salary scale of the SNSF. The contract will be granted on a yearly basis for a maximum duration of three years.

Candidates should have the following qualifications and research interests:

- Master degree in Law
- Theoretical and practical knowledge of International Human Rights Law
- Advanced knowledge of the Business & Human Rights Nexus
- Basic knowledge of political science, philosophy or economics
- Willingness to work in an interdisciplinary team and at the forefront of interdisciplinary research
- Proficiency in English

To apply

Please send your complete set of application, including a brief essay (up to 1 page) on your motivation and guiding research questions regarding the proposed project, CV, grades transcript and two letters of recommendation, **by 15th March 2014**, to christine.kaufmann@uzh.ch.