The Swiss National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) for migration and mobility studies, nccr – on the move, brings together research projects from the social sciences, economics and law. Managed from the University of Neuchâtel, the network comprises eight Higher Education Institutions in Switzerland. The nccr – on the move promotes equal opportunities, values diversity and fosters an inclusive research and learning environment.

At the University of Neuchâtel we have an open position for a

**PostDoc Researcher (Political Science / Political Psychology, 80%)**

The preferred start date is 1 December 2022 and funding of the contract limited to three years.

The successful applicant will contribute to an interdisciplinary research project entitled “Attitudes Towards Migration and Democracy in Times of Intertwined Crises” under the supervision of Prof. Anita Manatschal (University of Neuchâtel). The project will analyze how threat perceptions triggered by crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic, or hostile immigration attitudes and resulting emotions affect support for democratic norms. It combines political science and social psychology perspectives, to examine these questions via survey experiments and (inter-)national survey data in countries in the Global North (e.g. Switzerland and the United States) and South (e.g. Turkey and South Africa).

You will be part of a team also including a PostDoc in social psychology, Prof. Eva Green (University of Lausanne), Prof. Juan Manuel Falomir-Pichastor (University of Geneva) and our international partner, Prof. Alexandra Filindra (University of Illinois at Chicago).

**Requirements:** You have completed a doctorate in political science or political psychology, which you defended no later than five years ago (date of viva voce). Excellent knowledge of quantitative methods (e.g., survey experiments, measurement theory) is required. Experience in at least one of the following research areas is an asset: democratic attitudes, immigration attitudes, the emotional foundations of political attitudes. Excellent written and oral command of English is required, and a very good knowledge of French welcome. A record of international publications is expected.

You should have an interest in interdisciplinary collaborations with PostDocs, doctoral students and other network members in the framework of NCCR activities. Regular event attendance at the University of Neuchâtel, or elsewhere in Switzerland as well as online, is required.

**Employer and benefits:** The position is based at the University of Neuchâtel. The University of Neuchâtel is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The salary is in accordance with the regulations of the Swiss National Science Foundation. The nccr – on the move offers attractive working conditions, including support measures for researchers with childcare duties and for early career scholars as well as numerous opportunities for academic exchange.

**Submitting application:** Applications should be submitted to anita.manatschal@unine.ch before 30 September 2022. Please use this address as well for additional information about the position. Applications include a letter of motivation, a CV, a grade transcript of your last degree, a list of publications, two sample readings (published articles), and the names of two potential referees.