



Job advertisement PhD and Post-doc position

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PhD (100%) and Post-doc (50%) position in Social Anthropology (with Audio-Visual Media) / Practical Theology / Religious Studies

### **“Religious Rituals as Coping Strategies for Conflicts”**

#### **Responsibilities**

The Institute for Social Anthropology and the Institute for Practical Theology will conduct comparative research in the field of religious conflicts and conflict resolution. The comparison is based on two ethnographic case studies – one in a Swiss city and the other in an urban context in the Mediterranean (South-East Europe, the Middle East or the Maghreb). Under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Michaela Schäuble (Social Anthropology) and Prof. Dr. David Plüss (Practical Theology), the fellows will concentrate on researching intersections of as well as interactions between practitioners of (two or more) monotheistic religions, focusing on performative, sensory and embodied aspects of religious rituals and practices.

The candidates will be part of an interdisciplinary research group at the University of Bern working on ‘Religious Conflicts and Coping Strategies’ in history and today. They will work in an interdisciplinary context and benefit from the institutes’ and the university’s infrastructure for the promotion of junior researchers.

#### **Requirements**

The successful PhD candidate holds a Master’s degree or equivalent in Social Anthropology, Theology, Interreligious Studies or Religious Studies. The post-doc candidate holds a PhD or will have submitted a PhD dissertation in one of these fields by March 2018. For both positions, the respective candidates must exhibit strong language skills in the respective field of research as well as fluency in German and/or English. Candidates with prior experience in the use of audio-visual media are preferred.

#### **Further information**

The positions are funded for four years (interim evaluation after 2 years) starting March 2018. A work space will be provided. Applications in German or English (one PDF, including CV, letter of motivation, certificates and diplomas, and a list of publications) as well as enquiries about the positions should be sent by email to [michaela.schaeuble@athro.unibe.ch](mailto:michaela.schaeuble@athro.unibe.ch) and [david.pluess@theol.unibe.ch](mailto:david.pluess@theol.unibe.ch) before **15 December 2017**.

Equal Employment Opportunities Policy: The University of Bern strives to increase the percentage of women in academic positions. For this reason we would especially like to encourage qualified female academics to apply.