

*The Unit of Social Anthropology at the University of Bern invites applications for the position of a*



**PhD researcher (75%) / Assistenz  
in Visual / Media / Multimodal Anthropology**

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Start of employment: 1 September 2025. Duration: 4 years, temporary

We are seeking a junior researcher and lecturer to undertake a doctoral project with a focus on (and prior experience in) ethnographic filmmaking. You will work in the context

[EMB - Ethnographic Mediaspace Bern](#) and be part of a team that fosters innovative and diverse methodologies, research outputs, and theoretical advancements toward understanding the multiple ways in which media practices shape and are shaped by social realities.

You will be affiliated with the Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies (SACS) and work towards acquiring a doctorate in Social Anthropology. Your supervisor is Prof. Dr. Michaela Schäuble, Professor in Social Anthropology with a focus on Media Anthropology and founding Co-Director of EMB.

**Your profile**

We are looking for a highly motivated candidate who:

- is graduating or has recently graduated with excellent results on a practice-based MA thesis in Visual Anthropology or a related discipline
- is able to design an independent research project
- is motivated to conduct on-site, multimodal ethnographic fieldwork
- has a genuine interest in anthropological theory and experimental methods
- has excellent written and spoken English language skills; basic understanding of German is mandatory
- is enthusiastic to work in a team

Other tasks include teaching, supervision of student work and additional fields of activity:

- teaching two classes per year (2 hrs per semester at additional payment) from year two of your employment.
- helping in the coordination of events and the management and maintenance of technical equipment.
- supporting the EMB team with organisational and administrative tasks.
- participation in University committees and commissions.

**What we offer**

- a fully funded PhD position for four years
- the opportunity to gain further expertise in the fields of multimodal anthropology and to obtain a doctorate with a filmic work
- access to all EMB facilities
- supervision by leading experts on audio-visual anthropology and ethnographic filmmaking
- opportunity to participate in one of the doctoral programmes of the [GSAH](#)
- working in a dynamic and interdisciplinary Department at the University of Bern
- possibility to gain teaching experience from year two

**Application**

Please send your application including a.) a cover letter b.) CV c.) the contact information of two academic references d.) degree transcripts e.) links to your films, multimodal work and/or website f.) publications, or a copy of your Master thesis as writing sample and g.) a brief outline of a PhD dissertation project (max 1 page) as one email attachment to: Michaela Schäuble, [michaela.schaeuble@unibe.ch](mailto:michaela.schaeuble@unibe.ch) and Laura Coppens, [laura.coppens@unibe.ch](mailto:laura.coppens@unibe.ch) by **June 15 2025**.

Interviews will be held online via zoom on **7 July 2025**.

For additional information about the position, please contact: [michaela.schaeuble@unibe.ch](mailto:michaela.schaeuble@unibe.ch)

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