Junior professorship

Job profile sheet

Institution/organization: University of Limoges (UNILIM)

Site concerned: Limoges - Physical and Environmental Geography Laboratory - GEOLAB UMR

6042 CNRS - Universities of Clermont-Auvergne and Limoges

Academic region: Limoges

Component: Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Keywords: Environment, inequalities, discourse and processes, public policy, political

science, geography, multidisciplinarity.

Target duration: 6 years

Scientific theme: Environments and societies: deconstructing new forms of power and

domination in the Anthropocene era

Corresponding CNU/CNRS/CSS section(s): CNU 04 / 23 CNRS 40 / 39

Profile to be published (job title):

We are looking for a teacher-researcher who has developed research skills in socio-political approaches to the environment. Sensitive to critical approaches, he or she should be familiar with multidisciplinary reading and work. Similarly, she or he should have an appetite for both theorizing and research protocols based on empirical approaches and fieldwork.

<u>Teaching</u>: The candidate should be able to teach at the undergraduate level, and especially at the Master's level in the Social Sciences, combining two geography specialties with those of sociology and history. The candidate will be required to teach in the "Alternative development of territories: Resources and environmental justice" masters programme, as well as having teaching responsibilities in three other fields.

Research: The person recruited will lead scientific projects as part of the research activities of the GEOLAB laboratory, in particular its Environmental Capital team. He or she will also work on developing multidisciplinary projects and programs within (and between) the social sciences represented in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities laboratories (geography, sociology, history, education sciences and language sciences). Where appropriate, she or he may also collaborate with the social science research units housed in the Faculty of Law and Economics (in particular Environmental Law), and in the engineering and bio-health sectors (and its Omega-Health scheme).

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Teaching:

Teaching department :	Geography - Sociology - History - Education Sciences - Language Sciences
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Description of the assignment:

The Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities is a higher education and scientific research establishment that brings together courses and research units in geography, sociology, history, education and language sciences, as well as literature.. In addition to a research engineering department, it is home to around a hundred research teachers and offers a dozen Masters courses, one of which combines a Masters in Urban and Environmental Law. The research units to which these courses are attached are responsible for a number of ANR (National) and European projects. They also lead numerous international collaborations.

Research:

Name of research team :	GEOLAB UMR 6042 CNRS - Environmental Capital Team	
Place(s) of work:	Limoges	
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<u>Description of the laboratory:</u> The UMR GEOLAB is a geography-based but fundamentally multidisciplinary laboratory that studies human/environment relations (mainly in anthropomorphized environments) over various time scales, from the Paleolithic to the contemporary world. The research approaches of the laboratory integrate physical-ecological and social components of the environment at various scales. The 'environmental capital' team is particularly interested in the environment as a socio-political construct from a critical perspective. The team's two areas of research are 'Environmental resources, between logics of proximity and mobility' and 'Mediation, norms and socio-environmental inequalities'. The laboratory intends to expand its inter- and multi-disciplinary work

(geography, economics, history), in particular by integrating a more political approach. The research profile is also aimed at forging partnerships between disciplines of the Faculty (sociology, education science, history and language science laboratories) with the Institut GIO (in particular its team specialising in environmental law) around national and international calls for projects, and possibly with the bio-health sector by integrating its Omega-Health structure.

Description of activities:

This position is offered on a fixed-term contract (CDD) under public law for 6 years with a view to tenure in the body of University Professors following the Junior Professorship procedure (Decree no. 2021-1710 of 17 December 2021 relating to the Junior Professorship contract provided for in article L. 952-6-2 of the Education Code and article L. 422-3 of the Research Code).

Research:

With the advent of the Anthropocene, the environment has become the centre of gravity of a new socio-political field. Whether feared, predicted, proven or not, whether known, not yet identified, contested or not, the implications of this new geological era are redefining all our individual and collective relationships with the environment. This environmental field, in which social players of all kinds are investing and/or positioning themselves in their own interests, at various spatial and temporal scales, is fueling more or less unprecedented forms of power and domination. What are they? What drives them? To what extent are these issues recognised and made explicit by society or societies? To what extent do public authorities really take them on board? In the humanities and social sciences alone, the socio-political processes associated with the countless components and visions of the environment have given rise to various analytical and theoretical proposals (via political ecology, deep ecology, the notions of ecological class, environmental capital, ecopower, etc.) and others. This Chair will need to build on this 'substratum' in order to conduct and support research that is cross-disciplinary, critical and genuinely heuristic in scope.

Depending on their profile, candidates will be able to take ownership of this project and enrich it with their own contributions and proposals.

The person recruited will also be expected to disseminate scientific culture around the themes of the Junior Professor Chair (CPJ) and associated research activities.

In addition to his or her teaching duties, the recruit will be a key player in the Faculty's training programmes. He or she will need to possess the human qualities and open-mindedness that are essential if students are to develop a critical and creative scientific culture.

The expected results can be broken down into three stages:

The first is to set up collective projects driven by the Chairholder. These multi-year research projects should gradually increase in scale, scope and ambition through the nature of the calls for projects targeted (regional, national such as ANR or Foundation of France, international).

The second, and related, objective is to build and lead one or more networks of researchers who will be progressively and/or respectively associated with the formalized research projects and funding obtained. The aim is to significantly improve the national and international visibility of the University of Limoges in the field of social and human sciences research devoted to the environment, by enhancing its multidisciplinary nature.

The third stage involves the scientific promotion of the Chairholder and, beyond that, of the collective projects mentioned above. Naturally, this development will take many forms and may be partially disconnected from or independent of the results of the applications to the Calls for Projects.

As part of an "open science" approach, research projects will involve public presentations in the areas investigated by the researchers. Communications for the general public will also follow from events regularly organised by the University of Limoges (Researchers' Night, for example) or at events dedicated to a particular discipline (e.g. the International Geography Festival in Saint-Dié-des-Vosges).

Over and above the challenges of disseminating information to the general public, the results of the work are intended to provide food for thought for the designers and implementers of public policies on the environment as a social asset, with a view to improving the distribution of environmental amenities, and in particular for the benefit of the social groups with the least resources.

Indicators: specify the indicators for monitoring the roll-out of the project and the methodology for monitoring them

Publications:

The Chairholder is expected to publish two articles per year in A-ranked indexed journals and two to three papers per year at national or international scientific events.

At least two articles over the 6-year period must have been published in an indexed journal in a foreign language (preferably English). These publications may be collective, co-authored with one or more colleagues involved in the multidisciplinary projects led by the person recruited. The Chairholder will be required to coordinate and/or submit research project proposals in response to various calls for proposals. In particular, he or she must have submitted at least one application to national calls (e.g. ANR) over the 6-year period.

These projects will make it possible to obtain additional funding, in particular to substantially strengthen human resources and the capacity for scientific innovation through doctoral research (including CIFRE grants) and post-doctoral research, resources which are currently lacking in the LSHS sector at the University of Limoges. The number of such grants will be an indicator of the success of the Environment and LSHS Chair.

Teaching methods:

The person recruited will be able to benefit from a statutory service release entitling him/her to lecture less than the standard annual hours during his/her contract and until he/she becomes a permanent employee.

The priority for the holder of the CPJ will be to coordinate his or her research with the teaching provided in the Master's courses that are directly dependent on the Research Units and UMRs in the SHS sector. In this case, the first 'Social Sciences' Masters course is itself multi-disciplinary, sociology-history-geography, and political science is not represented in the strict sense of the term. However, this field of expertise is likely to be used in many of the multi-disciplinary courses and seminars or in the four programs that make up the major. Similarly, within the framework of the Master's in Education Sciences, the issue of mediation and environmental education is essential. In addition, there is the question of the form and content of institutional messages (via the school system, for example) issued by public authorities and, even more so, the conditions and procedures for understanding and accepting these messages.

Resources:

Human resources	Thesis funding may be available for the research project carried out as part of the CPJ. If the person recruited does not hold an HDR, he or she will be able to benefit from the support of an authorised thesis codirector.
Material resources	Office, IT resources, mission expenses and potential support from the FLSH research engineering department and the instrumental and technical platform of the UMR GEOLAB.
Financial resources: Total amount of associated funding: Of which Agence Nationale de la Research (ANR)	FINANCING: Through the University and/or the CNRS, the CPJ holder will receive the funding necessary for his or her research, in particular for missions, the implementation of ad hoc investigation protocols,

equipment, etc. He or she will naturally be able to supplement this funding by submitting specific research projects. He or she may, of course, supplement this funding by submitting specific research projects.
ANR: €200k (agreement after recruitment)

Other information:

Special skills required:	More than 3 years' experience in at least one higher education and/or research structure, participation in collective projects or programmes:
Submission of applications	