Postdoctoral position (2 years) in psychology/consumer behavior available at the University of Geneva, Switzerland

We are seeking applicants for a two-year postdoctoral position within the Consumer Decision and Sustainable Behavior Lab (www.unige.ch/fapse/decisionlab) at the Department of Psychology, University of Geneva. The successful candidate will work with Prof. Tobias Brosch and Dr. Ulf Hahnel to conduct research investigating the decisions and behaviors of consumers and prosumers in the context of local energy markets. The position is embedded in a research project funded by the Swiss Innovation Agency.

Project: The research project aims at studying behavioral drivers and barriers for the participation in local peer-to-peer energy markets where members can trade self-generated electricity among each other, and to better understand consumers’ and prosumers’ preferences and decision strategies within these markets. The successful candidate will take on an essential part in this project by designing, conducting, analyzing, and publishing experimental studies and field studies.

Requirements: Applicants need to have a doctoral degree in a relevant discipline (e.g., psychology, behavioral economics), a promising publication record, very good methodological and statistical skills as well as a strong interest in consumer decision-making and environmental topics. Furthermore, applicants should have excellent oral and written skills in English and a basic knowledge of French (or the willingness to learn French quickly).

Working conditions and benefits: The Consumer Decision and Sustainable Behavior Lab provides a stimulating research environment to work on some of today’s most pressing societal challenges. The successful candidate will profit from the rich interdisciplinary network of the Swiss Center for Affective Sciences (https://www.unige.ch/cisa/) and the Swiss Energy Research Consortium PATHFNDR (https://nexus-e.org/pathfndr/). The successful candidate will moreover benefit from excellent working conditions including a competitive salary (beginning at about CHF 81’000 before taxes and social charges) and additional funding for conference travel and education. Geneva is located between the Alps, the Jura, and Lake Geneva, and is noted for its international character and high quality of life (Geneva consistently ranks among the most attractive cities in the world to live in). Given the current pandemic, the work can be carried out remotely initially. The successful candidate is however expected to relocate to Geneva after the pandemic has eased.

Applications: Interested applicants are asked to send one single pdf document containing a letter of motivation, their CV, previous publications/preprints, one letter of recommendation as well as the names of two additional references to tobias.brosch@unige.ch and ulf.hahnel@unige.ch. Review of applications will begin on May 3, 2021, and will continue until the position is filled. Please don’t hesitate to contact tobias.brosch@unige.ch or ulf.hahnel@unige.ch for further inquiries.