

Dear list-members,

We are looking for a PhD-student or a post-doc to collaborate with us in the research project:
“Sharing Competencies in transcultural Spaces (SCOPE): Comparative case studies of academic network projects on teacher education in Switzerland, Albania, Kosovo, Tunisia and Egypt”

SCOPE is a joint research project by the University of Geneva and the Zurich University of Teacher Education (Pädagogische Hochschule Zürich).

About the project:

“Sharing Competencies in transcultural Spaces” (SCOPE) studies educational and transcultural exchange processes taking place in the context of two international academic network projects on teacher education: Learning Cultures in Universities (LECU) and Swiss-North African Academic Network (SINAN). LECU and SINAN are created with the same objective: to facilitate and strengthen the exchange of teaching and learning approaches and practices among university teachers or educational experts working in teacher training. In the period from 2018 to 2020, each project brings together respectively 8 teacher trainers and related stakeholders of three different countries in 3 to 5 network meetings (24 participants for LECU and 24 participants for SINAN). While LECU focuses on Albania, Kosovo and Switzerland, SINAN focuses on Tunisia, Egypt and Switzerland.

The purpose of SCOPE is to research the transcultural spaces created for exchanging international teaching and learning practices. More precisely, it explores impacts and dynamics of the projects LECU and SINAN on three levels - individual, group and organizations. The aim of SCOPE is to describe and understand how, in the academic exchange projects, pedagogical knowledge, competencies and practices of scholars are shared, discussed, adapted and appropriated to serve in different contexts. Hence, by studying transcultural exchange processes, SCOPE explores possibilities and limitations of international networks.

SCOPE is anchored in a theory building approach, using qualitative data analysis methods to answer questions. It collects data through semi-structured interviews and participant observation. Furthermore, the portfolio produced by the participants as well as of institutional documents of each participating country are analyzed.

We are looking for:

a prospective PhD-student, who wants to write her/his thesis in the context of this research project
or

a post-doctoral researcher, who wants to collaborate with us in SCOPE.

Start: As soon as possible or by agreement

We have not received any research funding for SCOPE yet. In an initial stage of the project, it is a key task to search and apply for research funds.

Key tasks:

- Draft together with the SCOPE-team a proposal and submit it to funding institutions (e.g. SNF)
- Reviewing literature relevant to the topic of SCOPE
- Conduct and analyze qualitative interviews
- Undertake participant observations during the meetings and analyze collected data

- Analyze portfolios of participants and documents produced by their institutions
- Collaboration in the publication of results as well as preparation of own publications

Our expectations:

- Genuine interest in international education, transcultural exchange and professional development in academia
- Master's degree or Doctoral degree in social sciences
- Expertise in ethnographic methods (participant observation and qualitative interviews)
- High ability to work in an international context, possess transcultural competences
- Excellent English skills (written and spoken)
- Very good Arabic or/and Albanian language skills (read / speak)
- Very good French skills
- Experience with software for qualitative data analysis (e.g. atlas.ti, MAXQDA) is a plus
- German language skills are a plus

We offer:

- If application for research funding is successful: A position as PhD-candidate or post-doc with a salary according to regulations of the Swiss National Science Foundation (duration of the project: 3 years)
- Opportunity to take a key role in a complex and challenging international research project and engage with questions for transcultural exchange in academia and education
- Collaboration in a multidisciplinary and interuniversity research team
- Insights into projects of international education cooperation
- A workspace in a central location

If you are interested to work with us in this project, please contact us and explain, why you are motivated and qualified to work with us in this project. Please include your CV to this application and send it **until June 30, 2018**.

For more information on this opportunity for collaboration please contact Samir Boulos, Department International Project in Education (IPE), Pädagogische Hochschule Zürich (+41 43 305 63 15 / samir.boulos@phzh.ch).