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swisspeace is a practice-oriented peace research institute associated with the University of Basel. It is a member of the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences and has working relationships with many Universities worldwide. swisspeace contributes to the improvement of conflict prevention and conflict transformation by producing innovative research, shaping discourses on international peace policy, developing and applying new peacebuilding tools and methodologies, supporting and advising other peace actors, as well as by providing and facilitating spaces for analysis, discussion, critical reflection and learning.

To reinforce its Peacebuilding Analysis & Impact Program, swisspeace is looking for a

Senior Researcher (80%-100%)

Starting date: 1 December 2017 (or by agreement)

The swisspeace Peacebuilding Analysis & Impact Program strengthens the capabilities of international actors to work effectively in conflict contexts. Its practice-oriented work is supported and critically informed by research findings, as much as its research agenda is tailored to address ongoing challenges of peacebuilding practice. The current research interests focus on the one hand on developing innovative methodologies for understanding and measuring impact. On the other hand, they aim at understanding the power politics of the impact measurement and results-orientation discourses, including their unintended negative side effects on local actors and effectiveness.

Your tasks:

— Design innovative research projects, acquire research funding from Swiss and international research funding bodies;
— Generate high quality research output, both in terms of publications and of scientific communication (participation in international conferences, networking, etc.) and thereby, contribute to the institution's international research profile;
— Supervise and support MA and PhD students;
— Teaching in swisspeace courses offered at the University of Basel at the graduate and postgraduate level;
— Contribute actively to the exchange of knowledge and a dialogue between research, practice and policy through workshops, practice oriented consultancies and trainings;
— Contribute to shaping and implementing swisspeace's overall strategic development and visibility.

Your profile:

— PhD in political science, international relations, sociology, history, social anthropology or a related discipline, with particular interest and expertise in understanding and measuring peacebuilding impact;
— Sound expertise in state-of-the-art qualitative and quantitative approaches of measuring impact;
— Excellent research track record with single and first-authored publications in top-ranked academic journals;
— Proven ability to acquire research funding;
— Links with Universities and research institutions in Switzerland and abroad;
— Strong interest in exchanges between research, policy and practice, and in supporting the successful implementation of ongoing mandates and practice projects;
— Excellent written and spoken English. German and French are strong assets.

Our offer:

— Attractive working conditions in a small, professional and dynamic team and a workplace in the heart of Bern, Switzerland
— An inspiring job in an attractive and international field of work with political relevance

We look forward to receiving your complete application in English, including the following documents:

— Motivation letter;
— CV with list of publications and names of 3 referees;
— 3 most relevant academic publications;
— 3-page outline of a research agenda for advancing the Peacebuilding Analysis & Impact research interests; to be developed into a future proposal.

Please send your application to jobs@swisspeace.ch by 17 September mentioning 'Senior Researcher PAI' in the subject line. More information can be found at www.swisspeace.ch or received by email from roland.dittli@swisspeace.ch

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