

swisspeace is a practice-oriented peace research institute. As an associate institute of the University of Basel, it carries out research on peacebuilding and conflict prevention. It shapes political and academic discourse on peace policy issues at the national and international level through publications, workshops and conferences. Thereby, swisspeace promotes knowledge exchange between researchers and practitioners.

For its dealing with the past program, swisspeace is looking for a:

PhD research fellow on “Knowledge for peace. Understanding research, policy and practice synergies”

Starting on 1 June 2016 (or by agreement)

The successful candidate will complete a PhD at the University of Basel and will be based at swisspeace in Bern, Switzerland. The research project is coordinated by Laurent Goetschel (University of Basel) and by Briony Jones (University of Warwick). It investigates the conditions of knowledge production in peacebuilding and more precisely in the field of Transitional Justice (TJ). It looks at the effects of these conditions on the quality of knowledge produced in terms of reliability, policy relevance and critical stance. The project is part of the “research for development program” (r4d) managed by the SNF and SDC (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation). Implementation will occur with partners in the Côte d’Ivoire and in South-Sudan.

Your tasks:

- Developing and conducting high quality qualitative research
- Completion of the required courses and credits for a PhD at the University of Basel
- Production of high quality single authored and co-authored scientific papers
- Contribution to the organization and coordination of research dissemination events
- Contribution to ongoing swisspeace program work

Your profile:

- An excellent Master degree in social sciences
- Fulfilment of the [requirements](#) for a doctorate at the University of Basel
- Availability to participate in the [G3S](#) and Int. Graduate School North-South [doctoral programs](#)
- Excellent communication skills in English with additional skills in Portuguese, French and/or German
- Proven capacity for high level academic work
- Interest to conduct research on peacebuilding and knowledge production in a case study on Mozambique
- Experience of qualitative research methods
- Availability to work in a dynamic environment where researchers and practitioners interact and benefit from synergies

Our offer:

Attractive working conditions in a small, professional and dynamic team and a workplace in Bern, Switzerland. We look forward to receiving your complete application in English, including the following documents:

- Motivation letter
- CV with names of 3 referees
- Sample of published or unpublished written academic work on a relevant topic (in English, French or German)
- One page about your research interest related to the project

Please send your application to jobs@swisspeace.ch by 27 March.

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