# Swiss Political Theory Network



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## 1-year Postdoctoral Fellowship in Ethics & Political Philosophy

Applications are invited for a 1-year postdoctoral fellowship (66%) in ethics and political philosophy at the Université de Fribourg.

#### Requirements:

- PhD degree in philosophy.
- Very good knowledge of both English and either French or German.

#### Responsibilities:

- Teaching one semester-long BAseminar either in French or in German.
- Supporting administrative tasks, research activities and teaching of the chair for ethics and political philosophy.

Salary range:

CHF 49,920.58 -- CHF 60,295.52 per annum, depending on prior experience.

Duration of employment: 1st September 2022 -- 31st August 2023.

Applications received by 1st July 2022 will be given the fullest consideration. Applications consisting of:

- 1. curriculum vitae,
- 2. an outline of the research to be carried out during the fellowship of about 1-2 pages,
- 3. a writing sample of about 15-20 pages should be sent by email

to: ralf.bader@unifr.ch

Two confidential letters of recommendation should also be sent by email to: <a href="mailto:ralf.bader@unifr.ch">ralf.bader@unifr.ch</a>.

Members who wish to share some news regarding their activities (e.g., publications, new professional appointments, job opportunities) may write an email to sptn@unige.ch.

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#### 1. Call for Abstract

- The Ethics of Defending Yourself and What's Yours Under Incomplete Information
  - 14-15 April 2023
    - Hybrid Event with in-person sessions held at the University of Zurich, Switzerland
    - Confirmed Keynote Speakers: Renee Jorgensen (University of Michigan), Kimberly Ferzan (University of Pennsylvania), Helen Frowe (Stockholm University), Victor Tadros (University of Warwick)
    - Organisers: Susanne Burri (University of Konstanz), Jennifer Page (University of Zurich), Lisa Hecht (Technische Universität Dresden)
  - Call for Abstracts available here. Deadline: 1st October.

#### 2. Call for Proposals

- ECPR Political Theory Standing Group Seminar Series 2022-23
  - Starting in October, the ECPR Political Theory Standing Group Seminar Series will move into its third
    consecutive year. Across the 2022-23, academic year we will have six members of the ECPR Standing
    Group (or a guest) deliver a talk via Zoom, open to all standing group members, with a moderated
    discussion afterwards.
  - Call for proposals available here. Deadline: 1st August.

#### 3. Conference

- The Philosophy of Artifacts
  - 19 July 2022 Société de Philosophie Analytique, Université de Neuchâtel
    - Funded by the *International Social Ontology Society* and the *Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences* of the University of Neuchâtel
    - Organizers: Kathrin Koslicki and Marco Marabello (Université de Neuchâtel)
  - Full program available here.

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#### 5. New Project

- SNSF Advanced Grant: The Margins of Corruption
  - PI: Emanuela Ceva (Université de Genève)
  - Corruption is arguably one of the most ominous threats to the democratic public order. Recent work in normative political theory (Ceva & Ferretti 2021) has characterized corruption as an internal enemy of public institutions in the form of a deficit of office accountability. The core of corruption is, in this view, about officeholders' exercise of the public power entrusted to their institutional roles. What happens to the core of corruption when the officeholders' power is either not purely public or not entrusted according to democratic standards? To address this question, the study of corruption in the field of political theory must move from its core to its margins. The project explores corruption at the margins of democracies by looking at the forms this institutional dysfunction takes in hybrid regimes. It also studies the manifestations of corruption at the margins of the public sector by looking at the dysfunctions of nonprofit organizations and business corporations. In so doing, the project aims at testing whether the idea of a deficit of office accountability can seize the special character of corruption across a large spectrum of institutional set ups and uses of power of office. This inquiry has also far-reaching methodological implications. The project will employ a mixed theoretical and empirical methodology to enhance the awareness of the limits of analytical and normative methodologies when approaching nonideal matters in political theory. It will thus re-draw disciplinary boundaries by fostering crosscultural and transdisciplinary dialogue through the launch of a new Research Center for Corruption Studies at the University of Geneva.