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Call for Abstract



Resisting and Contesting Institutional Failures. Citizens and Public Servants Perspectives

Closing conference of the research project EnTrust-Endogenous Institutional Trustworthiness (PI: Emanuela Ceva, University of Geneva), Northeastern University, College of Social Sciences and Humanities (Boston MA), 6-7 June 2024



Job Announcements

1-year Postdoctoral Fellowship in Ethics & Political Philosophy

5-year Funded PhD position in Ethics & Political Philosophy

Details below

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



1. Seminar

• Geneva Colloquium in Political Theory – [GECOPOL](#)

- 19 December, 16:30: Emanuela Ceva and Patrizia Pedrini (Université de Genève)
Engineering political concepts: the conceptual core of corruption

Job Announcements

[1-year Postdoctoral Fellowship in Ethics & Political Philosophy at the Université de Fribourg](#)

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

Requirements:

- PhD degree in philosophy.
- Very good knowledge of both English and either French or German.
- Research project in ethics or political philosophy (broadly construed).

Responsibilities:

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

Salary range:

CHF 51,288.66 -- CHF 61,948.46 per annum, depending on prior experience.

Duration of employment:

1st September 2024 -- 31st August 2025.

Applications received by 15th January 2024 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: ralf.bader@unifr.ch

[5-year Funded PhD position in Ethics & Political Philosophy at the Université de Fribourg](#)

Applications are invited for a funded 5-year PhD position (50%) in ethics and political philosophy at the Université de Fribourg, Switzerland.

Responsibilities:

- Writing a doctoral thesis under the supervision of Prof. Ralf Bader.
- Teaching one semester-long proseminar per academic year in French.
- Supporting administrative tasks, research activities and teaching of the chair for ethics and political philosophy.

Requirements:

- Master's degree or equivalent in philosophy.
- Very good knowledge of English and French.
- PhD project in ethics or political philosophy (broadly construed).

Salary:

CHF 30,776.52 per annum in the 1st year up to CHF 36,828.02 per annum in the 5th year.

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Starting date:

1st September 2024 or to be agreed (the start date can be as early as 1st February 2024).

Duration of employment:

The appointment is initially for one year (probationary period) with the possibility of extension to a total of 5 years.

Applications received by 15th December 2023 will be given the fullest consideration. Applications consisting of:

1. curriculum vitae,
 2. a research proposal for a doctoral thesis of about 2-5 pages,
 3. a writing sample of about 15-20 pages
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Call for Abstracts

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(PI: Emanuela Ceva, University of Geneva)

Northeastern University, College of Social Sciences and Humanities (Boston MA)

6-7 June 2024

Keynote speakers

Kimberley Brownlee (University of British Columbia) - Erin Kelly (Tufts University)

Resistance to and contestation of such institutional failures as injustice, illegitimacy, and corruption play crucial roles in shaping the life of a polity. Philosophers have extensively discussed the conceptual and normative contours of different forms of resistance and contestation, such as principled (civil and uncivil) disobedience, direct action, rioting, conscientious objection, whistleblowing. However, the vast majority of such discussions have concentrated on the justification of the rights and duties of resistance and contestation of citizens. A lesser attention has been devoted to the rights and duties of resistance and contestation of public servants.

The conference welcomes contributions that variably investigate forms of internal or external reactions to institutional failures, shed light on the (remedial) duties of the members of dysfunctional institutions, explore the impact of institutional dysfunctions for the quality of institutional action (e.g., institutional trustworthiness) and/or explore the emotional landscape such dysfunctions may elicit.

We welcome submissions from junior philosophers (max 5 years after PhD) addressing different aspects of citizens' and public servants' resistance to and contestation of institutional failure from an analytical, normative, or critical point of view.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Comparative conceptual and normative accounts of citizens' and public servants' resistance
- Conceptual discussions of political resistance and its instances
- Resistance's role and function in the public institutional context
- Normative attitudes towards resistance and (unlawful) contestation
- Resistance: moral right or moral duty?
- Resistance, contestation and institutional and professional obligations
- Practical emotions and resistance's affective dimension

Submitting a proposal:

1. Prepare an extended abstract as an attachment in MS Word or a .pdf (500-1000 words, including selected bibliography). The abstract should be suitable for blind review.
2. Include in the body of the email relevant contact information: the author(s), department(s) and affiliation(s), mailing address(es), email address(es); and phone number(s) and declaration of the status of junior scholar (PhD +5years max)
3. Email the abstract and contact information to Marta Giunta Martino at marta.giunta@unige.ch by **17:00 UTC, Friday 8 Jan. 2024**.

Authors of accepted proposals will be notified by mid-January 2024. The conference will provide all attending invited participants with refreshments and offer suggestions for area lodging. No financial contribution to travel and accommodation / living costs can be offered. There is no conference fee.

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