



Universität St. Gallen

School for Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS)

Transcultural Studies

«A place where knowledge is created» - As one of Europe's leading universities of economics and business administration, the **University of St. Gallen (HSG), Switzerland**, is committed to the education of over 8500 students and is one of the largest employers in the region, providing around 3100 employees with an attractive and innovative environment for research.

Transcultural Studies is a research Focus at the HSG School for Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) and explores contemporary cultural and social transformations, configurations and negotiations in an ethnographic, comparative and genealogical perspective. The particular focus lies on migration/mobility and cultural aspects of inequality and redistribution.

PhD Position in the SNSF-funded Project

***Europe's Un/Deserving: Moralizations of Inequality in Comparative Perspective
(Subproject Switzerland)***

(start January 1st, 2021)

The project explores un/deservingness as a key and ascending mode of reshaping inequality within the contemporary transformations of European societies. Its aim is to understand un/deservingness registers in their varieties, similarities, and contrasts in three highly contested socio-economic fields, guided by the overall research question: How do claims and debates of un/deservingness play out with regards to citizenship, redistribution, and gender regimes?

The project will apply a set of triangulated methods including ethnographic fieldwork, qualitative interviews, and critical discourse analysis. The fieldwork in each case will take particular contestations as the empirical entry point from which to reveal and reconstruct different configurations and genealogies of un/deservingness on different scales (municipalities, cantons, companies, biographies, etc.). The project consists of three Subprojects (Switzerland, Austria and Hungary).

The 4-year project is headed by *Prof. Dr. Jelena Tasic* and co-coordinated by *Dr. Andreas Streinzer* (PostDoc) and is based on a cooperation with *Prof. Dr. Violetta Zentai* (Center for Policy Studies, CEU, Budapest).

Your Duties and Responsibilities: The essential duty will be to develop, write and submit a PhD dissertation at the University of St. Gallen based on the research in the *subproject "Un/deserving to "be Swiss": Re-assessing "Schweizermachen" and dual citizenship"* conducted in cooperation with Prof. Jelena Tasic and Dr. Sandra King-Savic. The subproject is a long-term ethnographic exploration of the aftermath of the revised Swiss citizenship law (2014), which came into effect on January 1st 2018. The project will explore and compare the naturalization and dual citizenship regimes in two Swiss cantons (St. Gallen and Geneva). The will assess the arena of citizenship as part of the particular and ambiguous history of the "Willensnation", marked by: liberalism, inclusiveness and diversity; pronounced gendered and culturalising boundary-making towards (migrant) "otherness"; and specific discourses of migration and "integration".

The research will include *15 months of ethnographic fieldwork* in Switzerland. In addition to writing her PhD-Thesis, in the post-fieldwork stage the PhD student will be expected to contribute to project outputs (conference papers, edited volume and peer-reviewed publications etc.). Apart from the

fieldwork project phase, the *research will be based at the University of St. Gallen* (residence/work permit, office, regular project meetings, pursuit of the PhD).

Your Profile: The candidate holds a Master's degree in social/cultural anthropology, ethnology, sociology, geography or other relevant discipline. She/he provides over knowledge and experience in qualitative research and ethnographic fieldwork. Prior engagement with the issues of migration and citizenship are an asset. The PhD student will be able to conduct research within the framework of the overall project and the subproject in Switzerland both independently and in team-work.

The candidate is fluent in German and French. The candidate is fluent/advanced in English and will write her PhD thesis and other outputs in English. The call is open to candidates of any citizenship/nationality background.

Application and Contact

Applicants should submit their full application (in English) - including letter of motivation, CV, examples of their academic work (chapter of the MA Thesis or a published article), copies of relevant certificates and the contact details of two academic references – via jelena.tosic@unisg.ch no later than **31.7.2020**.

- Please familiarize yourself with the **DOK PhD-Programme (Organisation&Culture)** at the HSG (<https://www.unisg.ch/en/forschung/doktorat/organisationundkultur/zulassung>), considering that in the case of a project-funded PhD the overall topic, supervision and funding are given.
- **For further inquiry, please send an email to Prof. Jelena Tosic (jelena.tosic@unisg.ch) and Dr. Andreas Streinzer (andreas.streinzer@unisg.ch).**
- **The job-interviews (skype) will take place in August and the recruitment process is expected to be completed by September 15th, 2020.**