Post-Doctoral Associate Position in Design, Infrastructure, and Politics

Concordia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology in Montreal, Canada is seeking a post-doctoral associate for a position of 3 years (potentially extendable to 4 years pending funding) as part of the global research project, “Governing Through Design: An Interdisciplinary Phenomenon,” sponsored by the Swiss National Science Foundation. This multi-year, multi-site project investigates how design shapes planetary governance, environments, politics, and futures. The project is part of a consortium comprising of the Academy of Art and Design FHNW, Basel, the University of Basel, and Concordia University.

We are looking for a scholar who works at the intersection of the social sciences or humanities and design. We seek interdisciplinary thinkers who have an interest and experience in researching historical and contemporary entanglements between environment, technology, and urbanism. We would prefer a Non-Western context, but are open to any area of study. Fields of specialization might include, but are not limited to: Science & Technology Studies, Urban Studies, Histories of Science, History and Theory of Design and Architecture, Anthropology, or Media Studies. We encourage applications from scholars working within post/decolonizing perspectives, feminist science studies, critical race studies, queer studies, indigenous studies, environmental humanities and critical spatial practice. An interest in new methods in design research and research-creation is a plus.

Job Requirements: strong research profile, organizational and networking skills, experience in collaborative and interdisciplinary research, exhibitions, and publishing projects. You will be primarily responsible for your own research as well as the organization of group work (curation, book editing projects, etc.) with our international team. Teaching requirements are limited, but you may be asked to teach, or assist with teaching, one seminar at the undergraduate or doctoral level a year. Applicants should be finished their PhD by September of 2020.

Salary is $60,000-65,000 CAD/year+ benefits including health insurance plus very generous support for research and travel.
Start date: May 1, 2020

Contact and Application Information: Please send a CV, a cover letter detailing current and future research directions and work experience, a writing sample, and contact information for three referees.

Please send these materials to: postdocsinergia@gmail.com

Please put APPLICATION FOR DESIGN JOB in the email heading.

Applications are due by FEBRUARY 15, 2020

Questions should be directed to the Chair of the Committee Professor Orit Halpern at orit.halpern@concordia.ca

About the Department and Institute:
The Post-doc will be based in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and at the Milieux Institute for Arts, Culture, and Technology at Concordia University, Montréal. The Sociology and Anthropology Department is a dual department encompassing research and teaching in both Sociology and Anthropology at all levels of the university curriculum. It builds on a rich and creative tradition to address pressing contemporary social problems in a variety of cultural contexts relating to the personal, the local, and the global. The diverse variety of student and faculty interests and backgrounds makes working in our department a unique and rewarding experience.

*The Milieux Institute for Arts, Culture, and Technology* is a leading center for innovation bridging the arts, sciences, and technology with the humanities. We pride ourselves as innovators in merging multi-modal and multi-media methods with critical inquiry. The opportunity to work with artists, curators, and designers makes a position at Milieux unique. For more information:

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