POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER
IN THE FIELD OF FOOD CONSUMPTION AND « HEALTHY FOOD » POLICIES IN EUROPE

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The University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Study (USIAS) invites applications for a Post-doc position at the intersection of sociology, law, political studies and nutrition, starting from October 2020.

The advertised position is in the course of a two-year research project funded by the USIAS titled « Taking the right to healthy food seriously : a European perspective ». The fellowship project is under the responsibility of Elisabeth Lambert, CNRS Research Professor (http://sage.unistra.fr/membres/chercheurs-cnrs/lambert-elisabeth/) (http://www.usias.fr/en/news-events/news/single-news/article/nouveaux-fellows-usias-2020/). The project ambitions to explore the emergence of an individual/collective right to healthy food as a new component in European human rights law. Researchers will dissect norms, cases and preparatory works of many various legal provisions at domestic and European levels to investigate the conditions as to the making of such a right, the limits and guarantees regarding the implementation step and the legal enforceability. Norms covered will be those which concern the production and consumption stages (human rights, food law, consumers’ protection, advertisement, taxation, labelling, residues of chemical products on food).

With a law making approach, this research will build upon social justice movements and the literature on the emergence of the right to a healthy environment. A qualitative method (lexical analysis and interviews with stakeholders) will complement the traditional desk-research. The project has two objectives: academic research and knowledge transfer into practice/policy-makers.

Job Description: The post-doc researcher will be in charge of exploring the making of food labelling rules and Smartphone applications for a better access to “healthy food”. This requires to analyse the making of those tools and their limits (which actors, decisions and science are involved, how the making of public labelling on “healthy food” is used/transformed/competed by private actors, and whether we should favor more public actions). The researcher will be responsible for conducting interviews with the relevant stakeholders in European countries and within European institutions. The researcher is expected to communicate and publish in French and English and so must have a good command of both languages. He/she will be part of a small team led by Professor Lambert and will also be in charge of preparing a European scientific event in Spring 2021.

Job location: Strasbourg, MISHA, 5, allée du Général Rouvillois
Job duration: 9 months full time (possibly part-time over a longer period) from October 2020 (potentially renewable once).
Net Salary/month for 100%: 2330 euros.
Required selection criteria: Doctoral degree and publications on nutrition, food law and/or policies and/or food sociology/consumption ; Experience with qualitative research ; very good written and oral
English and French language skills; a motivated candidate able to work both independently and in inter-disciplinary teams.

**Please submit your application** electronically to Elisabeth Lambert (e.lambert@unistra.fr) in French OR in English **before 22 June 2020**, including Cover letter, CV, relevant publications to the project and the PhD defence report. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their scientific potential and achievements, and on their motivation for the proposed research. Skype Interviews will be conducted the week starting on 29th June with pre-selected candidates.