1 Post-doc position in the TYCO-WSS research project on Water and Sanitation Services Coproduction in the Urban South

Project description

The TYCO-WSS research project (Typologies of Institutionalised Co-production of Water and Sanitation Services in the Urban South) aims at making a substantial contribution to the debate on sustainable urban service provision in the global South. To do so, it proposes an original approach to service provision that, first, focuses on alternative organisational arrangements to produce urban services, based on (in)formal state-community coproduction practices and collaborations (institutionalised coproduction - ICO). Second, it intends to systematically explore spatial, environmental, technological, and social conditions of the diversified typologies of institutionalised service coproduction, and the implications they generate.

The general aim of this project is to understand and evaluate whether and under which circumstances co-production contributes to structural improvement in service delivery and in living conditions for city-dwellers (with respect to economic viability, environmental soundness and socio-spatial equity and cohesion). This general aim has been declined through two scientific activities:

- first, to identify and categorise typologies of institutionalised WSS co-production practices and,
- second, to explore and evaluate the effects of ICO practices through in-depth case studies.

This research has the ambition to move away from a single case study approach to propose a comparative work aimed at meeting project’s objectives. Five cases are proposed to explore institutionalised coproduction in the Global South: Addis Ababa, Cochabamba, Kinshasa, Hanoi and Mumbai.

Job Description

This project is funded by the Belgian Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS), and is based on a collaboration between the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) et l’Université de Liège (ULg). In this framework, we are looking for highly talented and motivated candidates for 1 Post-doc position.

Tasks:

• To develop the literature review, finalize the project conceptual and methodological framework, and conduct in-depth research on specific case studies.
• To elaborate two high-quality papers submitted to Scopus-indexed International Journals besides participating to scientific conferences related to the research.
• To collaborate to the overall research project management.

Requirements:

• PhD and/or university Master either in urban planning, architecture, urban geography or urban studies.
• Knowledge of the main aspects related to the access to basic urban services in the Global South.
• Strong experience in field research in a developing country.
• Knowledge of spatial analysis techniques and design/representation software is an asset.
• PhD degree obtained maximum 5 years before the beginning of the post-doc grant; and maximum 24 months of professional or research activity in Belgium during the last three years preceding the beginning of the post-doc grant.

Languages:
• Fluency in English, both oral and in writing is required.
• Reading and speaking French and Spanish is an asset for developing case studies.

Mobility/travel: Regular travels to case study cities.

Job specificities:
• Full-time.
• 1 year contract, renewable twice.
• Location: Brussels.
• Starting date: September 2017.

Nr of positions available: 1

Research Fields
Urban studies, urban geography, urban planning/development

Career Stage
Experienced researcher or 4-10 yrs (Post-Doc)

Application details
Please send your application, in pdf format and via email, to Luisa Moretto (Luisa.Moretto@ulb.ac.be) and Jacques Teller (Jacques.Teller@ulg.ac.be), by May 15th 2017. Your application should include a motivation letter, a detailed CV (with your publications), an electronic version of your master and/or PhD thesis, and the contact details of two external references.

For more details about these positions and the research project, please contact (ideally via email):

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