1year Post-doc position

Cluster, innovation and places:
application to cultural and creative industry

Deadline : end of March 2017

Job description:

As part of 3years project Funded by Agence Nationale de la Recherche (National Research Agency), « Cluster 9-3 : Culture, cluster and innovation », University of Nantes is looking to recruit 1 post-doc researcher with a Phd degree either in economic geography, innovation studies or in related discipline with a specialisation in economic geography. More in particular, candidates are interested in at least one of the following research fields: evolutionary economic geography, relational economic geography, networks and relational data, digital economy, cluster and collective innovation, quantitative sociology, cultural studies, online data and ecosystem, data visualization and ecosystem.

The post holders will be expected to pursue their own research project within the framework of the project. The framework involves a number of academics and researchers from various universities and coming from various disciplines (University of Paris Sorbonne-Nouvelle, University of Paris 8, Ecole Polytechnique Paris, HEC Paris, HEC Montréal). They are all together engaging with the conditions for creativity and dynamics of cultural and creative industries.

We want to contribute to a better understanding of the conditions for the functioning, creativity and sustainability of the creative and cultural industries at a spatial level. More in particular, we would like to pay attention to the role of places, third places and platforms (co-working, middleground, fablab, start-up accelerator, etc) in the structuring of a cultural cluster (Seine St Denis Region, Paris). Following previous academic on Resilience, life cycle and transition between system states, we believe that these places are crucial to

(dis or re) organize the production of knowledge, but we know little on this. Part of the projetc can also be related to ecosystem and relational data visualisation (see for instance http://macroconnections.media.mit.edu or http://dashboard.fab.city)

The work would be both quantitative and mainly based on social network analysis and complexity approach but also qualitative because some interviews will be conducted to reveal social and economic networks between places and actors.

The job is located at the Laboratory of Economics and Management of Nantes (LEMNA) at University of Nantes but meetings in Paris with partners will be envisaged and remote working could be negotiated. Nantes is one of the most vibrant and exciting City in France (The Guardian, July 2016). It offers a lively, vibrant and intense cultural life around many cultural and digital festival (Web2Day Digital Festival, Digital Week, Digital Art and Electronic Music Festival -Scopitone, etc.) but also sea shore at 40mn.

Interested candidates should send an application to Raphael Suire including their curriculum vitae, a statement of research interest and how they could contribute to the project, one digital copy of working or published papers would be welcome. Candidate should hold a PhD in Economic Geography, Innovation studies, Planning studies, Network theory or related fields.

The net salary is based on the French public university scale and is approximately 2000€ per month.

For more information, do not hesitate to contact Raphaël Suire, Raphael.suire at univ-nantes.fr, see also http://www.cluster93.fr