Job Description

Post Doctoral Opportunity: Economist Research Centre EQUIPPE, University of Lille 1, FRANCE.

Focus on General Equilibrium Modelling and Simulations, Overlapping Generations Modelling, International and Labour Economics

One year position

Requirements:

Applicants should already have accomplished their Ph.D in Economics with a specialisation in General Equilibrium Modelling, Overlapping Generations, Labour and/or International Economics. Skill and experience in building and simulating general equilibrium models are required, with knowledge of overlapping generations modelling. Ability in written and verbal communication with academic audiences. Language: English compulsory, French highly appreciated.

Job characteristics:

The selected person will work for the research project MONDES (Globalisation, Restructuring, and Social and Professional Downgrading) financed by the French National Research Agency.

This project analyses the dynamics of inequalities and social exclusion induced by under-education within advanced countries (the North) in a globalised World. The project has three major objectives: (i) the analysis and measurement of the influence of globalisation-induced industrial restructuring upon the intergenerational skill mobility in the North, by focusing on the emergence of under-education and exclusion traps; (ii) the study of the education and/or social policies that make it possible to escape from these unwilling developments, and (iii) the analysis and estimation of the impact of globalisation and technical progress on these policies, their funding and efficiency, and on the developments of the labour market institutions (trade union power, bargaining etc.).

EQUIPPE is a research centre specialised in the analysis of public policies. Based at the University of Lille 1 in France, it conducts several research projects on inequality, tax system and tax competition, environmental/energy economics, regional economics, transport policies..., working with a large number of partners, including national and international academic institutions, local authorities in France and Belgium, governmental agencies, national and international economic organisations etc. The laboratory provides a regular dissemination of its researches in academic journals.

This proposed position provides an excellent opportunity for a young economist to conduct rigorous research on theoretical and applied topics. The Research Assistant will work in close relation with senior economists in designing, leading, and disseminating EQUIPPE's work. Specifically, the work consists in: 1) Designing and simulating general equilibrium models to study the impact of globalisation upon educational dynamics and wage inequality. 2) Building overlapping generations models to analyse the development of human capital and the transmission of inequality between generations. 3) Simulating several social and educational policies. 4) Collecting statistical data about educational systems in advanced countries to make comparisons and implement simulations. 5) Publishing the results of research in academic journals. 6) Presenting the research results to academic audiences. 7) Updating the website of the project. 8) Organising an international conference with the support of other seniors. The position is located in Lille and the selected researcher must be present in Lille at least 3-4 days per week.

Wage: net €/month 2040 (gross €2500)

Term of Appointment: This position is a one year appointment, from the end of 2010 up to the end of 2011.

The candidate can visit the website of the programme MONDES at http://inequality-globalisation.univ-lille1.fr/

Contact: You can send your detailed Curriculum Vitae with a cover letter to:

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