

## Postdoctoral Position « Altergrowth »

University of Strasbourg, SAGE (UMR-CNRS 7363), <https://sage.unistra.fr/>

Duration: September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 –August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

### Job profile

This job is part of the project Altergrowth funded by the *Agence Nationale de la Recherche* (ANR) for the 2015-2018 period. The project is coordinated by Vincent Béal (Univ. of Strasbourg) and it is implemented by a team of researchers coming from different disciplinary backgrounds: sociology, urban planning, political science, geography and demography. The project analyses the issue of urban shrinkage in comparative perspectives. Through a combination of quantitative analysis and local case studies, it intends to understand how French, German and American cities address the issue of demographic and economic decline. For a brief description of the project, see: <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/?Project=ANR-14-CE29-0004>

### Tasks

- To assist the project coordinator in the management and the coordination of the project
- To conduct fieldwork in Germany (literature review/state of the art, interviews with local and national actors, collection of quantitative data, etc.)
- To co-write parts of the report and publications
- To support meetings/events and the website

### Qualifications/Skills required

- A completed PhD in geography, political science, sociology or urban planning
- An expertise in the field of urban studies reflected by the publication of articles in refereed journals
- A background in qualitative research methods (a basic knowledge of quantitative methods would be a plus)
- Strong written and oral skills in French or English + oral and reading proficiency in German
- An ability to work independently as well as part of a team

### Status

- Full time fixed-term contract for 12 months (starting on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015)
- Monthly salary: 2091, 32 € (after tax)

### Recruitment procedure

A complete CV including a full list of publications and a letter specifying the interest of the candidate in the project should be sent before June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. The interviews will take place at the University of Strasbourg at the end of June.

Informal inquiries and applications should be made to Vincent Béal: [vbeal@unistra.fr](mailto:vbeal@unistra.fr)