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**How To Become a Sociology Professor: Opportunities, Inequalities, Alternatives**

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Following the 2023 Bulletin dedicated to **A PhD in Sociology: motivations, expectations and open questions**, the upcoming Bulletin aims at addressing the career aspirations and opportunities of current junior scientists aiming at a professorship in sociology across Switzerland.

In the Swiss academic system careers of junior scientists are usually focused on becoming a tenured professor at a university. However, the ratio of the number of junior scientists to professorial positions within the system leads to a bottleneck within academic careers. This leads to increasing competition, frustration among junior scientists and to the individual and political search for alternatives. This bulletin will therefore deal with the major questions within the field: what is the current labor market situation of junior scientists in sociology within the academic but also within non-academic fields? How has the labor market situation changed? What alternatives to an academic career are available within sociology? Which inequalities and frustrations result from the bottlenecks on the paths towards a professorship? Is it possible to establish tenured positions within the Swiss system, which are not professorial positions?

We are interested in collecting empirical research on the above mentioned questions, but also policy papers and the views of current junior scientists in sociology about their motivations and experiences with respect to their professional career and their aim to become a professor in sociology.

Contributions can be single- or multiple-authored, written in English, French or German.

- Propositions including a tentative title, name of author(s) and affiliation(s) should be announced until July 31<sup>th</sup> 2024
- Deadline for contributions: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- Length of the texts: 1'800 to 2'500 words (document to be submitted in a word format or equivalent, with maximum 2 levels of headings, references (if any) in APA format).

Questions, propositions and final manuscripts should be sent to Jörg Rössel ([roessel@soziologie.uzh.ch](mailto:roessel@soziologie.uzh.ch))