SECTOR: Higher Education Institution

INSTITUTION: Univ. Grenoble Alpes, University of Innovation

One of the major research-intensive French universities, Univ. Grenoble Alpes\(^1\) enjoys an international reputation in many scientific fields, as confirmed by international rankings. It benefits from the implementation of major European instruments (ESRF, ILL, EMBL, IRAM, EMFL\(^*\)). The dynamic ecosystem, grounded on a close interaction between research, education and companies, has earned Grenoble to be ranked as the 5th most innovative city in the world. Surrounded by mountains, the campus benefits from a natural environment and a high quality of life and work environment. With 7000 foreign students and the annual visit of more than 8000 researchers from all over the world, Univ. Grenoble Alps is an internationally engaged university.

A personalized Welcome Center for international students, PhDs and researchers facilitates your arrival and installation.

In 2016, Univ. Grenoble Alpes was labeled «Initiative of Excellence " . This label aims at the emergence of around ten French world class research universities. By joining Univ. Grenoble Alpes, you have the opportunity to conduct world-class research, and to contribute to the social and economic challenges of the 21st century ("sustainable planet and society", "health, well-being and technology", "understanding and supporting innovation: culture, technology, organizations" "Digital technology").

* ESRF (European Synchrotron Radiation Facility), ILL (Institut Laue-Langevin), IRAM (International Institute for Radio Astronomy), EMBL (European Molecular Biology Laboratory), EMFL (European Magnetic Field Laboratory)

Key figures:

- + 50,000 students including 7,000 international students
- 3,700 PhD students, 45% international
- 5,500 faculty members
- 180 different nationalities
- 1st city in France where it feels good to study and 5th city where it feels good to work
- ISSO: International Students & Scholars Office affiliated to EURAXESS

LOCATION: France, Grenoble

\(^1\) https://edu.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/en/
MANDATORY REFERENCES:
PROJECT TITLE: MIAI @ Grenoble Alpes
JOB PROFILE: Public and private freedoms, powers, control, trust: the deployment of Artificial Intelligence, challenges and perspectives for ethics and political theory
SCIENTIFIC HOSTING DEPARTMENT (LABORATORY’S NAME): Institut de Philosophie de Grenoble (IPHIG)
SUPERVISER’S NAME: Pr. Thierry Ménissier, Head of the Chair “Ethics and AI”
CONTACT: thierry.menissier@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr

RESEARCH FIELD: Ethics, Political Philosophy, Political Theory

RESEARCHER PROFILE:
X Recognized researcher (PhD holder not yet fully independent)
☐ Established researcher (Researchers who have developed a level of independence)
☐ Leading researcher (Researchers leading their research area or field)

JOB PROFILE:

This post-doctoral contract proposal invites candidates to undertake research that will review ongoing technological and methodological developments in close contact with the computer science community involved in MIAI (dual competence in computer science / philosophy or political theory is welcome). The purpose of this research will be to problematize the ethical and political issues involved in the possible transformation of private and public freedoms, and possibly to redefine them. It will also aim to philosophically thematize new forms of power and to assess the risks of control of individuals and populations, particularly in the economic dimension of the market via the "attention economy"[Citton 2014] or in terms of "algorithmic governance"[Rouvroy & Berns 2013]. It will examine the possibility of the emergence of a new form of totalitarianism under the effect of the "weapons of mathematical destruction" that algorithms can apparently represent [O'Neil 2018], and then it will be a question of inventing philosophical categories to adequately describe this new form. All the research fields envisaged, intended to be observed, described, analysed and/or modelled are welcome among the contemporary technological and social emergences: facial recognition, smart cities, blockchain, military and civil drones, Internet of Things (IOT), etc.

Required languages: English or French

TYPE of CONTRACT: temporary, 12 months
JOB STATUS: Full time
HOURS PER WEEK: 35
CONTRACT STARTING DATE: 01/10/2019 (Project duration : from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020)
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 12/07/2019

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must hold a PhD degree (or be about to earn one) or have a University degree equivalent to a European PhD (8-year duration)

Applicants will have to send an application letter in English and attach:
- Their last diploma
- Their CV
- Letters of recommendation are welcome.

Address to send their application to: thierry.menissier@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr