

PhD Program

**Santé, Médecine et Société**  
***Health, Medicine and Society***



**Call for Applications 2022**

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Organized by the Institute of Health Law at the University of Neuchâtel, the program aims to broaden the methodological skills of doctoral students (mainly in law, sometimes also in social and human sciences) who participate in it and integrate an interdisciplinary and interprofessional perspective on “Health, Medicine and Society” to understand contemporary health problems and challenges.

The program aims at introducing participants to different legal theories and extra-legal tools, methods and theories of the social sciences and humanities. The various seminars will thus integrate relevant theories and methods, particularly from law, economics, anthropology, sociology, history, and psychology, by addressing health and all the institutions that underpin it through these various lenses.

This focus is the signature strength of the program and constitutes an original and unique offer. The program is designed to train participants to diversify their research focuses and skills and realize original contributions in their disciplinary fields as well as in the broad area of public health and medicine.

The theme chosen for the 2022/2023 academic year is the Covid-19 pandemic. The different seminars take place on November 15, 2022, December 15, 2022, and March 16, 2023.

- The first seminar on November 15 will focus on **legal research and the different forms of legal analysis** from theoretical, positivist, comparative law, sociological and economic perspectives, by professors from various universities. Analyses from critical legal studies and gender legal studies will also be presented.
- The second seminar on December 15 will focus on **two decisions of the Swiss Federal Court on Covid-19 and masks**. This exercise will allow the participants to apply the methods / approaches discussed during the first seminar. It will be directed by the two co-directors of the program, Professors Mélanie Levy and Sandra Hotz.
- The last seminar, on March 16, will focus on **an interdisciplinary analysis led by a physician, an economist, a sociologist and an anthropologist**, who will explain their field of expertise in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This call for applications is open to Ph.D. students from different disciplinary backgrounds in the social sciences and humanities, who tackle questions related to health and medicine in their research, and doctoral students in medicine, nursing sciences, or public health.

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