



Post-doc in Geography

Job description

The post-doc researcher will work within the Bocconi-AXA Joint Research Initiative “Sharing behavior and risk attitudes in the urban world” and will contribute to the analysis of the geographical aspects of the sharing economy.

Urban markets have been changing dramatically their structure and functioning over the past decade. This structural change was driven to a certain extent by what has been recently called the “sharing economy”, that is a significant extension of Peer-To-Peer rental markets and digital matchmaking services. Technological innovation and improved capacity to design digital marketplaces and to manage systems of reputation and recommendation made possible this shift.

Cities are then changing their immaterial shape as some sectors are modifying organization through which demand and supply usually match and, in some cases, the decision of consumers over ownership of durable goods in the long run is made.

These “new markets” are usually characterized by rentals of short duration and high turnover of clients – features that significantly influence risk perception, risk taking and even risk sharing and allocation between clients and suppliers of services. Risk in general plays a central role in the public discourse over regulation of sharing services and even on the design of the city of the future. In addition, the so-called “smart cities” are exposed to cyber-risks that can undermine their resilience and solidity.

Within this framework, the researcher will conduct conceptual and empirical research on the following issues:

- The economic geography of digital multinationals: the case of AirBnB
- Defining urban scenarios for the sharing, smart and new mobility
- Cyber-risks and political risks in the smart cities.

The ultimate goal of the job is to produce research potentially publishable into top journals.

Requirements

A PhD in Economic Geography, Urban Geography, Planning or Economics is desirable.

Conditions of employment

The position is for meant for two years to start as soon as possible with a competitive salary. Net salary will depend on the status of the researcher (there is a substantial tax abatement for foreigners and for Italians abroad; however, the eligibility for the program “Rientro dei cervelli” needs to be checked). The researcher will work within the Department Social and Political Sciences at Università Bocconi in Milan.

The reference for this position is Marco Percoco (marco.percoco@unibocconi.it).

Application procedures

Applicants are requested to send their CV and a sample of authored papers to noemi.colombo@unibocconi.it by June 15. Job interviews will take place during the following week.