

Call for applications : Chair of Junior Professor CPJ 2026

Lead institution/organization: French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)

Name of head of establishment/organization: Antoine PETIT

Sites concerned:

Lyon

Academic Regions:

Rhône Auvergne

Planned partner institutions/organizations:

Lyon 2 University

Project name (en français):

Mobilités - Inégalités – Transports : fabrique des politiques publiques pour des pratiques en transition

Project name (in english):

Mobilities – Inequalities – Transport: shaping public policies for practices in transition

Acronym: MIT

Keywords: Transports, mobility, public policies, territories, transitions, inequalities

Target duration: 5 years

Scientific theme:

Humanities and social sciences

Institutional strategy: *Please describe how this recruitment is in line with institutional strategy. If applicable, please also summarize any CPJs obtained in previous years and give an assessment of the initial results of the host laboratory's activity (2000 characters maximum including spaces)*

Research on transport and mobility is part of the CNRS scientific strategy, which aims to strengthen its presence on major social and environmental transition issues, across two interrelated fields (transport/mobility) that call for partnership-based approaches as well as technological and economic innovation.

The main objective of the CPJ will be to contribute to coordinated and collaborative research within the CNRS, particularly through the COMP, in which the CNRS has identified “transitions” as a major cross-cutting challenge. Indeed, the current challenge for research on mobility and transport is to take into account economic, social, and political transition imperatives in order to move toward ecological and environmental transition and reduce their share of greenhouse gas emissions. Moreover, the articulation between these issues as they arise in different international contexts and the multiplicity of responses that exist at the local level requires particularly advanced expertise.

This CPJ also responds to the ambition of CNRS Humanities and Social Sciences to recruit a colleague which the capacity to lead research at the interface between geography, spatial planning, ecology, sociology, and/or political science, in order to contribute to collective reflections on transport and mobility. In particular, this includes strengthening its interdisciplinary grounding on changes in mobility behaviours, on the making of public policies, and on the renewal of approaches in transport economics in connection with transitions. This work will feed into collective initiatives around scientific foresight within the institute and align with the cross-cutting effort developed around the links between research and public policy.

Strategy of the host laboratory: *Please describe how this recruitment is in line with the host laboratory's strategy (1000 characters maximum including spaces):*

LAET is a research unit specializing in spatial planning and transport economics, whose work focuses on the interactions between mobility, transport, territories, and society, with a strong emphasis on transition issues. The mobility of people and goods is studied both as a research object in its own right and as a lens through which to examine other issues relating to space, territories, individuals, and society.

Its research is structured around three main areas: (1) Mobility practices and behaviors – modal choices, innovation, and inequalities; (2) Spaces and territories – locations, new forms of urbanity, and resilience; (3) Public mobility policies – policy design, evaluation, and regulation in contexts of instability.

Through its history, its field sites, and its ongoing collaborations with researchers from Europe, Africa, and North and South America, as well as the quality and visibility of its work, LAET is recognized as a leading research center at the international level.

RNSR references of the host laboratory(ies):
197112027D UMR LAET

Strategy in terms of international attractiveness: *Please describe how this recruitment is in line with the establishment's international strategy (on hosting foreign students, partnerships with foreign institutions, joint diploma project, taking part in a European project, etc.) (1000 characters maximum including spaces).*

The Chair holder will be expected to implement actions and set up partnerships in the given thematic field and particularly to commit to submitting a project in the framework of European calls for proposals like ERC, Horizon Europe Consortium, Driving Urban transitions partnership, etc. during the 5 years of his/her contract.

Summary of scientific project: *1000 characters maximum including spaces*

The CPJ will focus on mobility and transport, articulating the questions of transitions and reduction of social and spatial inequalities, around the following themes:

- Sustainable and inclusive mobility behaviors and practices: construction and uses of transport modes, particularly active modes, in diverse territorial contexts (urban, peri-urban, rural; North/South)
- Mobility systems and territories: public policies, collective transport offer, alternative mobility, sharing of traffic lanes, land uses, planning, new urban forms, "15-minute city", sobriety, efficiency, equity.

The work will be international, requiring language skills to integrate international academic networks. The research will use qualitative, quantitative and/or mixed methods, with reflection on their academic and socio-economic uses.

Summary of teaching project: *1000 characters maximum including spaces*

Teaching will be discussed according to the site which the successful candidate is assigned to. He/She will be involved in teaching on existing courses at each site.

Financial summary: Please use the attached financial form to describe the financial requirements involved and how they are broken down to carry out the scientific project (PhD student, post-doctoral fellow, IT, equipment, etc.)

How the ANR package will be used	200.000 €
PhD Student	
Post-doctoral fellow	
Engineer	
Equipment	
Operations (missions, conferences...)	
Co-financing of the € package	€
Specify the nature of the planned expenditure	
Co-financing of the € package	
Co-financing of the CPJ's remuneration	
Total funding for the CPJ (including the ANR package) in €	€

Dissemination of scientific results:

The results will be disseminated via world-class scientific productions like publications, software, patents, and so forth. The project will also communicate with a wide range of target audiences including the scientific community, the media, decision-makers, the general public, schools, etc. applying an appropriate schedule. Specific tools may be developed like websites, newsletters, meetings, international conferences, summer schools and other conferences.

Open Science:

The CNRS has adopted a strong policy in favor of open science. Open science consists in making research results "as accessible as possible and as closed as necessary". To achieve this, the CNRS objective is for 100% of the texts of publications resulting from the work of its units to be in open access, particularly through researchers submitting them to HAL. The data produced should also be made available and reusable unless specific restrictions apply. In addition, the guidelines on the individual evaluation of researchers have been revised to conform with the DORA declaration, to be more qualitative and to take all facets of a researcher's work into account.

Science and society:

The relationship between science and society is now recognized as a full dimension of scientific activity in its own right. The project will develop this dimension in synergy with all partners involved. The resulting research will help inform the public decision-making process. Participatory science initiatives may be organized with stakeholders from the project's socioeconomic and cultural ecosystem.

Indicators:

In particular, the CPJ's activities will be assessed on the basis of scientific output (publications, software, patents, etc.) institutional and private partnership with formal contracts, international influence, the promotion and dissemination of work to multi-disciplinary scientific communities, innovation and its transfer to society and scientific dissemination to non-specialist audiences.