



Postdoctoral Researcher in Political Science f/m

Specializing in democratic representation in the European Union

For 1,0 fte for two years

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The Department of Political Science at the Faculty of Social Sciences at the VU University Amsterdam invites applications for a position as Postdoctoral Researcher in Political Science, specializing in democratic representation in the European Union.

Political Science at the VU University Amsterdam

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The Department of Political Science (www.politicalscience.nl) is a vibrant, small, high quality department offering a full range of degree programmes in Political Science (BSc, MSc, MPhil, PhD). These programmes integrate comparative politics, European Union politics and international relations, while providing students with the opportunity to specialise within this broad context. The main themes addressed in the teaching curriculum are closely related to the Department's Research Programme (entitled Multi-Level Governance in Europe and Beyond).

Tasks

The Postdoctoral position has come available due to the department's participation in the RECON-programme ('Reconstituting Democracy in Europe'), a large-scale European research project supported by the European Commission's Sixth Framework Programme for Research (see www.reconproject.eu). The Postdoctoral researcher is expected to undertake research on the evolution of democratic and constitutional institutions in the European Union. In particular, she or he is expected to make a substantive contribution to the analysis of interparliamentary coordination between national parliaments and between them and the European Parliament on EU issues, drawing on, and developing, the theoretical notion of a 'Multilevel Parliamentary Field of the European Union' (central to RECON WP3, subproject 2, but with links to RECON WP2 and WP9). This research is to lead to intermediate publications in peer-reviewed journals and/or edited volumes as they will be conceived within the RECON-project.

Besides the research tasks, the successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the common tasks as they arise within the department and the RECON-project.

Requirements

The applicant must hold (or soon hold) a doctorate in Political Science with a specialization in Political Theory or Comparative Politics and will preferably have an active research profile as evidenced by (refereed, international) publications. He or she has a strong affinity with normative political theory and is familiar with the field of comparative European politics (including the European Union). The candidate must be fluent in English.

Conditions and Salary

The appointment is for a fixed 2-year term starting from December 1st, 2007, and will be in the rank of Postdoctoral Researcher. Gross monthly salary ranges from €2.279,- to €3.597,- (salary scale 10), depending on experience. Salary scales are determined according to the collective rules (CAO) of the Dutch universities. Visit our website www.vu.nl/vacatures for a review of working conditions at the VU.

Information

For information please contact dr. Ben Crum, e-mail: BJL.Crum@fsw.vu.nl, tel. +31 (0)20 59 86852 (secre).

Applications

Those interested in applying for this position are requested to send a covering letter, a detailed resume, a list of publications, names and contact details of two referees, as well as any other information that may be relevant, (write the vacancy number on the top left side of the letter and the envelope, or in the e-mail header), no later than September 17th, 2007 to: VU University Amsterdam, Faculty of Social Sciences, attn. M. van Hunnik, Acting Managing Director, Metropolitan Building, De Boelelaan 1081-C, NL-1081 HV Amsterdam, The Netherlands, or via e-mail: vacature@fsw.vu.nl.

Any other correspondence in response to this advertisement will not be dealt with.