

Assistant Professor Contemporary History (1.0 FTE) (220437)

Job description

The History Department is embarking on an ambitious programme of renewal in terms of staff and content. We are looking for new staff members to add new competencies and innovative approaches to the practice of history both in research and teaching, against the background of recent historiographical and interdisciplinary developments. The Department is a welcoming place for staff and students with diverse backgrounds and orientations. It considers this diversity as a key requirement for its cosmopolitan learning environment and for a balanced and diversified notion of doing history.

We offer you a position with 60% of your time for teaching (including administration) and 40% research.

The assistant professorship is one of seven positions that are advertised by the Department of History.

The Chair Group Contemporary History is a unique feature within Dutch academia. It analyzes our contemporary world in the light of world history since 1945 through multi-disciplinary approaches and methods. To expand its cooperation within History and across the faculties, the Chair group is looking for a colleague with a PhD from the humanities and social sciences and an excellent track record on the history of one or more (Western) European societies or regions in the light of intensifying contacts within and across national and continental borders. We explicitly welcome comparative approaches. An inter- or multidisciplinary profile and a strong personal interest in cooperation across academic disciplines are considered an asset.

- you will make an active contribution to the teaching of the Chair Group Contemporary History within the BA and MA programmes in History, the Research MA programmes and other programmes in which the Chair Group takes part
- you will develop new specialisations within the history programme and across programmes
- you will be expected to develop a promising research line and write applications to capture national or international grants

- you will present (intermediate) research results at and organize national and international panels, workshops or conferences
- you will participate actively in administrative and organisational activities.

Qualifications

- you have a PhD in History (or a closely related discipline)
- you have at least one year of postdoctoral experience in a teaching and/or research position
- you have an excellent publication record for the stage of your career, including at least one monograph (under review) and peer reviewed articles
- you have a demonstrable capacity and willingness to operate beyond narrow disciplinary boundaries within and beyond the field of History, in teaching and in research
- you bring a strong cooperative attitude and willingness to engage in collaborative research and teaching duties
- you have teaching experience and relevant teaching qualifications (such as BKO-Basiskwalificatie Onderwijs, Basic Education qualification), or willingness to obtain one in the first two years of your appointment
- you have a capacity and willingness to undertake organizational duties
- you bring enthusiasm for communicating academic research to non-academic audiences
- your international experience and outlook will be considered an advantage
- you have the ability to communicate and teach in English (CEFR C1 level for reading, listening, writing, speaking)
- knowledge of Dutch or willingness to learn it within a reasonable period of time (within two years) may be one of the conditions for tenure (CEFR B2 for reading and listening, and CEFR B1 for writing and speaking).

Organisation

The Faculty of Arts is built on a long-standing tradition of four centuries. Our mission is to be a top-ranking faculty with both an excellent education and world-quality research, with a strong international orientation, firmly rooted in the North of the Netherlands. We build and share knowledge benefits to society. We work at a modern, broad and international institution, educating over 5.000 Dutch and international students to become forward-looking, articulate and independent academics. We are a hardworking and diverse team of 700 staff members.

History is a large and dynamic department with a strong regional anchor and an international outlook. It accommodates and facilitates international

state-of-the-art research in several major historiographical and interdisciplinary fields. We introduce our students to the diversity and complexity of human experience in the past and in present societies around the globe through the study of civilisations, regions, nations, communities, and individuals across all historical periods. We organise our teaching and research around a variety of thematic, geographical and theoretical approaches including, among others, network theories, connected history, reading history, medical humanities, material culture studies, postcolonial perspectives, and digital humanities.

Conditions of employment

We offer you in accordance with the Collective Labour Agreement for Dutch Universities:

- a salary, depending on qualifications and work experience, with a minimum of € 3,746 (salary scale 11) to a maximum of € 5,826 (scale 12) gross per month for a full-time position
- a holiday allowance of 8% gross annual income, an 8.3% year-end bonus and participation in a pension scheme for employees. Favourable tax agreements may apply to non-Dutch applicants. We offer 232 holiday hours per calendar year for full-time employment
- an appointment initially on a temporary basis for five years with the possibility of becoming a permanent appointment following a positive performance review. When meeting the criteria, the assessment for a permanent appointment is possible from the second year onwards.

The Faculty is considering only those applicants who are ready to move to Groningen and live in the near environment of Groningen within a period of two years.

We comply with the conditions of employment of the Collective Labour Agreement for Dutch Universities (cao NU). For more detailed information about working conditions and working for the University of Groningen, please check: <https://www.rug.nl/about-us/work-with-us/>

The appointee will ideally commence 1 August 2021.

Application

You can fill in the form and upload 4 PDF files (all in English):

1. a letter of motivation
2. a CV with a list of three self-selected “best papers”; the complete list of publications and the names and contact details of two referees who may be

approached by the selection committee

3. a brief description of scientific interests and plans; a statement about teaching goals and experience (maximum two pages in total). You can upload this under “ extra document” on the website

4. an appropriate writing sample, you can upload this document also.

Only complete applications submitted by the deadline will be taken into consideration.

You may apply for this position until 14 February 11:59 pm / before 15 February 2021 Dutch local time by means of the application form (click on "Apply" below on the advertisement on the university website).

The selection interviews will take place over March and April 2021.

We are an equal opportunity employer and value diversity at our University. We are committed to building a diverse faculty so you are encouraged to apply. Our selection procedure follows the guidelines of the Recruitment code (NVP), <http://nvp-plaza.nl/download/?id=7714> and European Commission's European Code of Conduct for recruitment of researchers, <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/charter/code>

Unsolicited marketing is not appreciated.

Information

For information you can contact:

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Please do not use the e-mail address(es) above for applications.

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