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Functietitel: Postdoc Researcher religious history (onderzoeker 3)

Fte: 1.0 fte

VU eenheid: Faculty of Theology

Vacaturenummer: 17277

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Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam is a leading, innovative and growing university that is at the heart of society and actively contributes to new developments in teaching and research. Our university has ten faculties which span a wide range of disciplines, as well as several institutes, foundations, research centres, and support services. Its campus is located in the fastest-growing economic region in the Netherlands (the Zuidas district of Amsterdam), and provides work for over 4,500 staff and scientific education for more than 23,000 students.

The Faculty of Theology is an open, dynamic and ecumenical faculty where people of various religious views (including secularists) in mutual dialogue devote themselves to high quality education and academic research as well as other associated contributions to society. Besides offering (together with the Protestant Theological University) a BA in Theology, and BA in Religious Studies, the faculty offers masters degrees that can last one, two, or three years. The Graduate School of Theology and Religious Studies at the faculty also hosts 250 doctoral candidates. The faculty is highly international in its orientation.

Since 2015 six-year research project, titled “Rhineland Exiles and the Religious Landscape of the Dutch Republic (c.1550-1618) has been housed at the Faculty of Theology at the Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam. The goal of this research project is to analyze how the massive emigration and immigration of Reformed Protestants during the Dutch Revolt shaped the religious landscape of the early Dutch Republic.

**Tasks**

Within this project there is an open position for one postdoctoral researcher to complete research on leading exiles in the German Rhineland. Whereas the PHD-projects focus on the religious communities during their exile in the German Rhineland, the postdoc project will focus on the influence of leading exiles on the religious landscape of the Dutch Republic after their return. The postdoc will write a monograph on the contributions these former exiles made to the development of religious ideas, both within and from outside the public church, either as a critique or as a supporter of this church. This project will use our database of religious exiles, the writings of these former exiles, and may include a broader source base depending on the postdoc’s research plan in the first year.

**Requirements**

The desired candidates should have the following abilities:

• A completed PhD in theology, history, or a comparable discipline;

• The ability to read and interpret sixteenth-century sources – both printed and in manuscript – written in Dutch, German, French, and Latin;

• The ability to develop an independent and coherent research project;

• The ability to contribute to debates on the history of religious migration, and to articulate the relevance of that contribution for the present day;

• The ability to collaborate with members of the research team;

• Excellent communication skills, orally and in writing, in at least two modern languages.

**Further particulars**

Depending on the candidate’s competences and availability, the appointment will be for a period of 3 years, including 2 months trial period.

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**Salary**

The salary will be in accordance with university regulations for academic personnel, and depending on experience, range from a minimum of € 2588,00 gross per month (salary scale 10) up to a maximum of
€ 4757,00 gross per month (salary scale 11) based on a fulltime employment.

**Information**

For a description of this research project see the website <https://labs.wsu.edu/religiousexiles/project/>

For other additional information, please contact Prof. dr. Mirjam van Veen at m.g.k.van.veen@vu.nl

Job interviews will take place on November 22.

**Application**

Applicants are invited to send a short proposed outline of their vision for their research within the context of this larger project, as described on the project's website (<https://labs.wsu.edu/religiousexiles/>), along with a cover letter, a curriculum vitae and a chapter of their dissertation or an article via email or post before November 6, 2017 to:

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Faculty of Theology

Attn. Mr. H.W. van Nieuwenhuijsen, managing director

De Boelelaan 1105

1081 HV Amsterdam

Or by email to: secretariaat.thw@vu.nl.

Please mention the vacancy number in the e-mail header or at the top of your cover letter and on the envelope.

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