



Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute

The Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI) is a research institute of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) and located in the centre of The Hague. The staff of the institute consists of about 50 persons, mostly researchers.

The Population Dynamics Department has two vacancies and is looking for:

PhD candidate

Life courses of migrants in Europe

Duration: 4 years

and a

PhD candidate

Intergenerational relations in migrant families

Duration: 4 years.

Project Description:

Both PhD projects are part of the larger Starting Grant project of Helga de Valk funded by the European Research Council (ERC) entitled “Families of migrant origin: a life course perspective” (FaMiLife). This project aims to advance understanding of the factors that shape the individual life course of migrants and their descendants, its consequences for family relations in migrant families and its link between demographic change in the country of settlement and origin. The project will draw from recent quantitative datasets potentially also including register data.

The *first PhD project* will work around life courses of migrants in Europe. An emphasis will be put on the transition to adulthood of immigrant youth as well as its link with later life in a comparative perspective. It is the aim to cover both behaviour and attitudes in the project.

The *second PhD project* will be centred around intergenerational relations in migrant families. By taking a European perspective the aim is to study both ties and support in different domains and phases in life. Consequences of life course decisions for family ties will be one of the foci.

The two PhD candidates will join the FaMiLife research team at NIDI and are expected to participate in its research activities. The international setting and widely available expertise at NIDI will be of benefit for the PhD candidates. A training program as part of the PhD project will be developed in close consultation. Main supervisor of both projects will be Prof. dr. Helga de Valk.

Requirements:

We are looking for prospective PhD candidates with:

- A strong background in quantitative data analysis and advanced statistical methods
- A Masters degree in sociology, demography or associated discipline
- Strong analytical capacity
- Fluency in English and good writing skills
- Proven interest in the main topic of the PhD project including life course, migration, and intergenerational relations

Appointment:

A 4 year full time PhD contract, preferably starting October 1th 2011. Your performance will be evaluated after 12 months. If the evaluation is positive, the contract will be extended by three years. The selection procedure will include a psychological assessment.

Salary:

The positions are full time (38 hours per week). The starting gross salary is € 2.042,- (scale P-0) per month and will increase to € 2.612,- (scale P-3) per month in the fourth year, Collective Agreement for Dutch Universities (CAO-Nederlandse Universiteiten), plus 8% holiday pay and a 8,3% year-end bonus. We offer a package of fringe benefits.

Information:

For additional information please contact Prof. dr. Helga A.G. de Valk, telephone +31 (0)70 35 65 238; email: valk@nidi.nl

Applications:

Applications with reference including curriculum vitae and a transcript of the grades of the MA degree, should be addressed to the director of NIDI, Prof. dr. Leo J.G. van Wissen (PO Box 11650, 2502 AR, The Hague) or by email to directie@nidi.nl.

The closing date for application is July 31th 2011.

Interviews are planned for late August 2011.

Acquisition based on this advertisement is not appreciated.
