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FULL-TIME ACADEMIC POSITION IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Reference : 2018/A042
Application deadline: 23 april 2018
Start date: 01/10/2018

Job description

The Université libre de Bruxelles is recruiting a full-time academic member of staff in political science and international relations. His/her areas of expertise would cover security studies, conflicts and post-conflicts, EU External Action. Expertise on security and conflicts in Africa would be an asset.

In terms of teaching, the qualified candidate is expected to teach courses in the Bachelor and Master programmes organised by the Department of Political Science. The teaching tasks will include courses in international relations and in European studies (External Action of the EU)

In terms of research, the qualified candidate will conduct research in close collaboration with members of the Department of Political Science, REPI research center (Recherche et Enseignement en Politique Internationale), and the European Studies Institute. The candidate will conduct research on topics related to international relations, conflict and security studies, EU External Action and conflicts in Africa.

Area of Research : International Relations, Political Science, Peace and Conflict Studies, Security Studies, European Studies, Africa

Educational and scientific goals:

In regards to research orientations, the candidate will be invited to collaborate to the activities of REPI research center, and to conduct research on questions related to international relations, peace, security, and conflict studies, and EU External Actions. Research expertise on security and conflicts in Africa is an asset.

In regards to pedagogical objectives, the candidate will teach in the Master programmes in Political Science, International Relations, and European Studies Further teaching responsibilities could include courses at the Bachelor level, the full English Master programme, and the evening Master programme. The candidate is also expected to supervise student papers, master theses, and to act as an advisor to PhD students.

Courses covered at the time of recruitment:

- POLI-D-306 : Introduction aux relations internationales –Q1
- POLI-D-410 : Théories de la sécurité –Q2
- A third teaching assignment will be discussed with the selected candidate on basis of her/his profile and of the needs of the Department of political science.
• After three years, a fourth teaching course will be assigned depending on the needs of the Department and the expertise of the candidate. This course could be part of the Bachelor programme, the full English Master programme, or the evening Master programme.

Qualifications required:

PhD Degree (with doctoral thesis) in political science, international relations, or equivalent.

Skills required

• Applicants should have at least 4 years of research experience at the time of their recruitment.
• Post-doctoral experience and an excellent scientific record are a plus.
• Exchange periods outside of the applicants’ home institution (during or after their PhD) will be taken into consideration when evaluating applications.
• Applicants who do not speak French (level C1) may be granted a period of adaptation, but they must be able to teach in French at the end of the third year following their appointment.
• Demonstrated leadership and success in terms of grant bidding/participation success.

Interested?

For more information, please contact Jean-Benoit Pilet (telephone: +32 2 650.31.81 – E-mail: jpilet@ulb.ac.be).

Applications must be sent by e-mail to the rectorate of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (recteur@ulb.ac.be) and to the faculty deanship (SPES.philoscsoc@ulb.ac.be).

They must include the following:

• an application letter
• a detailed Curriculum vitae including a list of publications (a template can be downloaded at http://www.ulb.ac.be/tools/CV-type.rtf)
• any relevant documents showing 4 years of research experience
• a 7,000-character report (4 pages) presenting the applicant’s research activities
• a research project (7,000 characters), including how these will integrate into ULB’s research teams
• a teaching dossier including a 7,000-character report (4 pages) on the applicant’s previous teaching activities, and a teaching project for the first five years in this position (also 7,000 characters); these must be relevant to the faculty and to the teaching profiles for the programmes to which the applicant is to contribute
• a note on the applicant’s international achievements and projects (no more than 4 pages)
• the names and e-mail addresses of five references (with equal gender representation) who may be contacted by those in charge of evaluating applications. These references should not have conflicts of interest.

The selection jury will examine all applications received and will define a short list of applications that will be invited to ULB for an interview. Interviews will take place on May 17th, 2018. Selected applicants will first be invited to present a lecture within the framework of a course at the programme of the master in international relations (ca. 200 students). The course will be evaluated by students and by the selection jury. Then, applicants will be invited to an interview with the selection jury. They will be asked to present and discuss one of their research projects (on basis of an article sent out by the jury). And the will questioned about their profile and their capacity to work within ULB.

By sending in their application, applicants acknowledge they have read and understood the additional information and the regulations relevant to research staff, available at the following address http://www.ulb.ac.be/emploi/academique.html.