

The Department of Economics of Leiden Law School has a vacancy for a:

**PhD CANDIDATE on COMPARATIVE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF EUROPEAN MIGRATION AND SOCIAL POLICY (1,0 fte)**

[Vacancy number: 1142](#)

**Project Description**

As PhD candidate, you will work in the research project [SOLID: Solidarity under strain - A legal, criminological and economic analysis of welfare states and free movement in the EU](#). This project engages on the free movement of people within Europe and its associated labour migration that challenges national welfare states.

In the multidisciplinary project SOLID, of which [dr. Olaf van Vliet](#) is the project leader, four departments of Leiden Law School are involved: the departments of Economics, Criminology, Labour Law and European Law. SOLID is part of one of [Leiden University](#)'s research profile areas called [Interaction between Legal Systems](#). It is one of the three projects that received funding for the period 2016-2020.

The PhD candidate will work in a sub-project that is embedded in the [Department of Economics](#). Based on international comparative analyses, this sub-project will analyse to what extent 'welfare tourism' can be observed across the EU, to what extent there is a fiscal pressure stemming from this migration and how this affects solidarity and hence adjustments of welfare state arrangements. The analysis will include several arrangements, such as unemployment benefits, social assistance benefits, public pensions, family benefits, health care and education.

**The position comprises the following tasks:**

- Conduct innovative research within the framework of the project SOLID;
- Write a PhD Thesis;
- Submit research results for publication in academic journals;
- Present papers at international conferences;
- Actively disseminate the research findings;
- Organise and participate in seminars, workshops and conferences of the project SOLID and the broader programme Interaction between Legal Systems;
- Teach in the programme of the Department of Economics;
- Follow PhD courses based on an individual training plan.

**Selection Criteria**

- A Master's degree in economics, public administration, political science or sociology.
- Skills in quantitative research methods, demonstrated by a master's thesis and/or publications;
- An explicit interest in European migration, social and labour market policy reform, and empirical research.
- A curious, enterprising and creative mind and excellent analytical skills.
- Teaching experience is not a requirement, but is considered an advantage;
- An excellent command of the English language, knowledge of the Dutch language is considered an advantage.

## **Our Department**

In the broad field of applied economics, the activities of the [Department of Economics](#) are concentrated on socio-economic policy, law and economics and the economics of taxation. The department provides courses for a number of study programmes, such as law, public administration, liberal arts and political science. Moreover, the department participates in a dual bachelor's programme (Economics, Governance and Management) and a dual master's programme (Economics and Governance), both hosted in The Hague.

## **Our Faculty**

The Department of Economics is part of [Leiden Law School](#) (ranked #1 in the Netherlands for the subject of law and #24 in the 2016 QS World University Rankings by Subject). With over 5,000 students and 450 members of staff, Leiden Law School is one of the largest faculties in the Netherlands. Yet, in all its diversity, it is still known for its ability to provide education on a small scale. The Faculty focuses on multi-faceted high-level teaching and research, both nationally and internationally. It does so by working with talented people and stimulating and supporting them in their professional and personal ambitions. The Faculty is housed in the beautifully restored Kamerlingh Onnes Building on the Steenschuur in Leiden. Working for the Leiden Law School means working in an inspiring scientific environment.

## **Terms & conditions**

- We offer a full-time position for 1,0 fte (38 hours per week)
- The appointment as a PhD student will be for a period of four years (initially for a period of one year with an extension of three years after positive evaluation of progress and skills development) leading to the successful completion of a PhD thesis. The appointment will be under the terms of the cao (Collective Labour Agreement) of Dutch Universities
- The gross monthly salary is set on € 2.174,- in the first year, increasing to € 2.779,- gross per month in the final year.
- Leiden University offers an attractive benefits package with additional holiday (8%) and end-of-year bonuses(8.3 %), training and career development and sabbatical leave. Our individual choices model gives you some freedom to assemble your own set of terms and conditions. Candidates from outside the Netherlands may be eligible for a substantial tax break.

## **Information**

- The PhD candidate will be employed at the Department of Economics. The PhD thesis will be supervised by [dr. Olaf van Vliet](#), [prof.dr. Koen Caminada](#) and [prof.dr. Kees Goudswaard](#).
- Enquiries can be made to [dr. Olaf van Vliet](#), associate professor.
- Information about the Department of Economics can be found [here](#).

## **Applications**

To apply for this vacancy, please ensure that you [upload](#) the following additional documents quoting the vacancy number:

- A cover letter stating your motivation for this position;
- A curriculum vitae;
- Your master thesis or other major writing sample;
- Copies of your academic transcripts.

Only applications received before 6 June 2016 will be considered.

The selection procedure will take place during June/July. You are kindly requested to be available in this period.

*Acquisition following this advertisement is not appreciated.*