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Newton’s Metaphysics in French Materialism: La Mettrie, Diderot, D’Holbach (1745-1772)

Job description

The Centre de recherche en Philosophie (https://phi.centresphisoc.ulb.be) based at the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Campus Solbosch, invites applications for one four-year PhD position.

The research will be carried out in the context of the recently awarded EOS project ‘Responses to Newton’s Mathematical-Experimental Paradigm in 18th-Century Philosophy’ (RENEW18). More information on the EOS project, jointly led by Karin de Boer (KU Leuven), Steffen Ducheyne (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), and Arnaud Pelletier (Université libre de Bruxelles), can be found here: https://hiw.kuleuven.be/cmprpcc/renew18

In this project, the successful PhD candidate will carry out the subproject ‘Newton’s Metaphysics in French Materialism: La Mettrie, Diderot, D’Holbach (1745-72)’ under the supervision of Prof. Arnaud Pelletier.

In addition to conducting independent research, the selected applicant is expected to participate in the organization of common activities such as team meetings, talks, workshops, and conferences as well as to take up a modest teaching load. The working language within the consortium is English; the PhD thesis can be written in French or English.

Successful candidates will be employed at ULB under the standard conditions. They will be offered a one-year fellowship (renewable for three more years). The fellowship provides for training opportunities, social and health benefits, office space, and a research budget.

Profile

- MA degree in philosophy at the starting date of the contract
- Good knowledge of the history of modern philosophy
- Outstanding hermeneutical and analytical skills
- Excellent command of written and spoken English
- Excellent command of written French
- Team player
- Knowledge of Latin and the history and philosophy of science are a plus
Interested?

Please send your full application to Arnaud.Pelletier@ulb.be, including:

- A short cover letter
- CV (including a publication list, if available, and the names and contact details of two referees)
- Academic transcript of your MA degree(s)
- A writing sample (15-25 pages)
- A research statement (1-2 pages) that (a) explains how your past research bears on the advertised subproject and the project as a whole and (b) sketches your approach to the topic of the subproject

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Fellowship (bourse doctorale): approximatively 2 173, 00 EUR (free from tax)

Duration: 12 month-fellowship (extendable up to max. 48 months).

Deadline for application: April 19, 2022

Preferred starting date: between July and October 2022

We expect the (online) interviews to take place in May. For further information, please contact Arnaud Pelletier (Arnaud.Pelletier@ulb.be).

The indicated distribution of PhD and postdoctoral projects mentioned on https://hiw.kuleuven.be/cmprpc/renew18 could be adjusted in view of the candidates’ qualifications. It is allowed to apply for more than one position. If you would like to apply, but your expertise or career stage does not exactly match one of RENEW18’s sub-projects, please contact Prof. Arnaud Pelletier (Arnaud.Pelletier@ulb.be) or the project coordinator, Prof. dr. Karin de Boer (karin.deboer@kuleuven.be).

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