Postdoctoral Researcher

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CENTRE DE RECHERCHE EN PHILOSOPHIE

Newtonianism, Monadism and the Problem of Continuous Extension in Germany (1740-1759)

Job description

The Centre de recherche en Philosophie (https://phi.centresphisoc.ulb.be) based at the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) invites applications for one four-year postdoctoral position. The research will be carried out in the context of the recently awarded project ‘Responses to Newton’s Mathematical-Experimental Paradigm in 18th-Century Philosophy’ (RENEW18). The EOS project is funded by the Belgian research councils FWO and F.R.S.-FNRS and led by Karin de Boer (KU Leuven), Steffen Ducheyne (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), and Arnaud Pelletier (Université libre de Bruxelles). More information on the project can be found here: https://hiw.kuleuven.be/cmprpcc/renew18

The successful postdoctoral researcher candidate will carry out the subproject ‘Newtonianism, Monadism and the Problem of Continuous Extension in Germany (1740-59)’ 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 is English.

Successful candidates will be employed at ULB under the standard conditions. Candidates in international mobility will be offered a 12-month fellowship (extentable to 36 months, and to an additional 12-month contract, for an overall duration of maximum 48 months). The fellowship provides for training opportunities, social and health benefits, office space, and a research budget.

Profile

- An outstanding PhD thesis in the domain of the history of modern philosophy at the starting date of the contract
- Outstanding relevant publications
- Excellent command of written and spoken English
- Knowledge of German and Latin
- Outstanding hermeneutical and analytical skills
- Good organizational and communication skills
- Team player
• Knowledge of the history and philosophy of science is a plus
• Knowledge of French is a plus

Interested?

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

• A short cover letter
• CV (including a publication list and the names and contact details of two referees)
• 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: approx. 2607, 00 EUR (free from tax)

Duration: 12-month fellowship in the first instance (extentable to 36 months, and to an additional 12-month contract, for an overall duration of maximum 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, or you do not match the conditions of international mobility, 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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