



VACANCY DOCTORAL RESEARCHER **CONTEMPORARY HISTORY OF INDIA and EU-INDIA RELATIONS**

The **Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies** is an inter-faculty interdisciplinary research centre of excellence of the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Leuven which conducts research in relation to globalization, governance processes and multilateralism (www.globalgovernancestudies.eu). The research group **MoSa** (Modernity and Society 1800-2000) is part of the research unit of History at the University of Leuven and studies political, social and economic processes of change that are associated with modernity and modernization (<https://www.arts.kuleuven.be/mosa/english/index>).

The Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and MoSa are looking for a dynamic and motivated full-time doctoral researcher to pursue a PhD in the context of a new ambitious European Union Horizon 2020 research project on 'Explaining Global India'. The PhD fits in a broader research program on missionaries in a postcolonial context and will study a number of Jesuit management and business schools in India, such as XLRI (Jamshedpur, 1949), XIM (Bhubaneswar, 1987), and XIDAS (Jabalpur, 1995).

The **GLOBAL INDIA ETN** will deliver a world-class multi-sectoral doctoral training programme focused on India's emergence as a global and regional power, and its relationship with the EU. The European Training Network is a multidisciplinary, multi-sectoral network bringing together **six** leading European universities, with six leading Indian universities, and six non-university partners. The network will train 15 Early Career Researchers, focusing on both academic excellence and professional, transferable, skills. All researchers will spend a semester in an Indian University and have a work placement in one of the non-university partners. In the four years of the programme there will be 10 network events in both Europe and India. The research topics are grouped around four themes: (1) Indian democracy and social inequality, (2) External economic relations and trade, (3) External relations – foreign and security policy and (4) India and global environmental politics. The academic partners involved in the project are: Barcelona Institute of International Studies Barcelona (IBEI), Dublin City University Dublin, King's College London, University of Leuven, University of Heidelberg, University of Warsaw, Banaras Hindu University Varanasi, Calcutta University, Jamia Millia, Islamia University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Mumbai University and Jadavpur University.

Your opportunity

- You pursue a PhD in contemporary history.
- You build up research expertise.
- You share your expertise and research results within and outside KU Leuven.
- You pay attention to the valorization of research results at the academic level or in society.
- You publish research results in academic journals.
- You take initiatives, together with other colleagues, in order to make your research unit a dynamic research environment.
- You are keen to establish a good cooperation and understanding with other research centres and institutes within and outside KU Leuven.

- You are employed in a dynamic, international and growing research environment and contribute to its current and future research activities.

Your profile

- You have a Master degree in History, Anthropology, Educational Sciences, Area Studies, or a related discipline, and you are open to interdisciplinary research approaches
- You have a strong and demonstrable interest in contemporary history and history of India.
- You have excellent analytical and writing skills.
- You are able to organize your own research activities while working as part of a research group; you are able to handle various tasks at the same time while keeping strict deadlines.
- You are capable to operate in a multicultural research project and have experience in collaborating in multicultural teams.
- You are good at working independently, take initiative, and are able to contribute creatively to a research project.
- You commit to complete the research project in time and to valorize intermediary research results at conferences and in publications.
- You are resistant to stress and have an inquisitive mind.
- You are willing to travel and conduct research in India.
- You master English in an excellent manner. Knowledge of other languages is an asset.
- You have studied abroad at a leading university for one or more years.
- You have excellent study results (you must at least have graduated in the top 5% of your class).
- You have less than 4 years (full time equivalent) research experience, ie you have not been employed as a researcher for four years or more.
- You will have lived less than 12 months in Belgium for the past three years on 1 September 2017 (date of appointment).

Our offer

We offer a full-time fixed term contract to pursue a PhD for three years (evaluation each year) starting September 1 in a dynamic interdisciplinary research environment.

Interested?

For more information, please contact Prof. Dr. Idesbald Goddeeris at idesbald.goddeeris@kuleuven.be

Applications must be received no later than 7th May 2017 (5 pm CET).

KU Leuven carries out an equal opportunity and diversity policy.

How to apply?

Send a CV, a cover letter, a 2 pages proposal for historical research on Jesuit business and management schools in India, and the names of three referees by email (subject: ITN Global India Application PhD History) to Ms. Kathleen Moulings: kathleen.mouling@kuleuven.be