

2 Assistant Professors (Tenure Track) in Urban and Regional Planning (0.8 – 1.0 FTE)

Job description

The Department of Human Geography and Spatial Planning has developed the challenging Research Programme 'Urban Futures: Transitions Towards Economic and Social Sustainability for Cities'. In this Programme faculty members from different sub disciplines of Human Geography and Spatial Planning work closely together on topics like governance of urban transitions, smart urban governance, urban infrastructures, healthy urban living, urban inequalities and diversities, transnational mobilities, economic resilience and networks and flows in and between urban regions. The Department is responsible for the Undergraduate Programme in Human Geography and Spatial Planning and for a number of Graduate Programmes like Spatial Planning, Human Geography (Urban and Economic Geography), International Development Studies and Geographical Information Management and Applications (GIMA).

Our ambition is to further develop the integrative research themes through innovative contributions from spatial planning. We invite candidates to apply whose previous research activities and publication record reflect a strong interest and proven expertise in the urban governance and planning of sustainable futures. More specifically, we offer two Tenure Track Positions as Assistant Professor with the following profiles:

Planning Methods and Planning Support Systems: We are looking for one candidate who has a proven research and teaching expertise in Dutch spatial development and planning and who is specialised in critically analysing the use of planning methods and support systems (esp. digital tools) and in developing innovative methods and techniques for spatial analysis and planning. In teaching, a major focus will be on planning methods, on Dutch spatial planning and on supervising planning studios in close collaboration with Dutch municipalities.

Urban Governance and Municipal Finance: The other position focuses on the municipal finance and governance challenges faced by cities and city-regions in the Netherlands and around the world. Of particular interest are the urban governance challenges resulting from processes of financialisation of urban infrastructure, land, and/or housing. The successful candidate will actively contribute to the Department's research on "Economic Urban Transitions" by addressing the operational challenges in spatial planning, closely collaborate with colleagues from Economic Geography and Regional Economics and will teach, among others, on real estate development and municipal finance.

For both positions, extensive knowledge in empirical-analytical research and in qualitative/quantitative methods is desirable.

Qualifications

We are looking for two colleagues who show leadership and who initiate new research projects within the Urban Futures Research Programme, both independently and in collaboration with other researchers of the Department Human Geography and Planning and external partners. Both Assistant Professors will have teaching tasks in Bachelor's and Master's Programmes. We envisage positions with 0.5 FTE research and 0.5 FTE teaching for the next two years of appointment.

We seek highly motivated candidates who hold a PhD in Urban and Regional Planning or in a closely related field.

If you:

- have experience in conducting academic research leading to high-quality publications;
- have a good (international) research network;
- see added value in collaborating in inter- and transdisciplinary research projects;
- are able to acquire research funding in competition;
- have a proven record of research in one of the fields above;
- are willing and confident to teach subjects beyond your niche of expertise and to supervise planning/geography students from undergraduate to PhD levels;
- have a Basic Teaching Certificate (BKO) or similar teaching qualification, or are willing to acquire such a qualification as soon as possible;
- at least one of the two candidates has to be proficient in both written and spoken Dutch and English, the other candidate must be proficient in both written and spoken English and is obliged to learn Dutch within two years to qualify for full participation in the teaching programme;
- are a team player, looking forward to contributing to, and collaborating with different disciplinary groups within and outside our Department,

we encourage you to apply.

Offer

We offer two Tenure Track Positions (0.8 -1.0 FTE) for initially a period of two years with the possibility for extension with another two years if the candidate does not qualify completely for a permanent position after two years. The gross salary - depending on previous qualifications and experience - ranges between €2,984 and €4,757 (based on the Collective Labour Agreement of the Dutch Universities) gross per month for a full-time employment. Salaries are supplemented with a holiday bonus of 8 % and a year-end bonus of 8.3 % per year. We offer a pension scheme, (partly paid) parental leave, collective insurance schemes and [flexible employment conditions](#) (multiple choice model). More information is available at: [working at Utrecht University](#).

Starting date: July or August 2018 at the latest.

About the organisation

A better future for everyone. This ambition motivates our scientists in executing their leading research and inspiring teaching. At [Utrecht University](#), the various disciplines collaborate intensively towards major societal themes and the university is committed to a strategic orientation on four overarching themes including 'Pathways to Sustainability' and 'Institutions for Open Societies'. Within the Pathways to Sustainability theme a transdisciplinary research hub on [cities of the future](#) has recently started focusing on urban and infrastructural transitions from an international perspective.

[Utrecht University](#) has been ranked first nationally in the 2017 Academic Ranking of World Universities, and 47th globally. The city of Utrecht is one of the oldest cities in the Netherlands, with a charming old centre and an internationally oriented culture that is strongly influenced by its century-old university. Utrecht city has been consistently ranked as one of the most liveable cities in the Netherlands.

The [Faculty of Geosciences](#) of Utrecht University offers a unique environment as it combines research on (sustainable) urban development and planning with research on energy efficiency, economics, energy policy, behavioural sciences and innovation systems. The Faculty is organized in four Departments: Earth Sciences; Physical Geography; Innovation, Environmental & Energy

Sciences, and Human Geography and Spatial Planning. [The Department of Human Geography and Spatial Planning](#) has its focus on the enhancement of long-term economic developments of cities, how to cope with social inequalities, and how to initiate sustainability transitions of cities and infrastructures. Research on these topics takes place within our Research Programme “Urban Futures: Transitions Towards Economic and Social Sustainability for Cities”.

Our Research Programme is the basis for our Research Masters Human Geography and Geographical Information Management and Applications and Professional Masters in Spatial Planning, Human Geography and International Development Studies. The Department also runs a large and highly appreciated Bachelor's Programme and is part of the Netherlands Graduate School of Urban and Regional Research for PhD candidates. Unique characteristics of the Department are a special team focusing on innovations within teaching methods, its strong involvement in the transdisciplinary sustainability research hub and professional consultancy for public partners.

Additional information

More information can be obtained from Prof. Jochen Monstadt at j.Monstadt@uu.nl or from Prof. Stan Geertman at s.c.m.Geertman@uu.nl.

Apply

Applications should include:

- a letter of application which describes your motivation and qualifications;
- a one-page document stating how your expertise and innovative ideas would contribute to the Urban Futures Research Programme;
- your curriculum vitae and a list of publications;
- a one-page document listing your teaching expertise (per course: number of students, level (BSc/MSc), your role/responsibilities, themes taught, types of assessment, type of teaching activities, student evaluations);
- the names and addresses of two referees.

To apply, please click the application button below.

The application deadline is

20/04/2018

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