

The Leiden University Institute for History invites applications for a

University Lecturer in Modern Latin American History (0.8 fte)

Vacaturenummer: 22-791 13224

Starting date 1 August 2023

Job description

The Institute for History seeks to expand its academic staff by appointment of an university lecturer with teaching and research expertise in the field of Modern Latin American History. As a lecturer you will teach courses as needed in the history section of the Latin American Studies programme, and you will participate in the research programme 'Politics, Culture and National Identities 1789-present' of the Institute for History.

You are expected to have research expertise on public policies in Latin America directed to alleviate poverty and inequality issues and to have concrete plans for further research in that area of expertise.

Key responsibilities

- Teaching at undergraduate and graduate levels in the BA, MA and ResMa programmes in Latin American Studies, supervision of BA and MA theses; contributions to curriculum development. Teaching duties may include courses on Latin American developmental issues and public policies (such as regional integration schemes, public policies on gender inequalities and social exclusion), among other topics;
- Carrying out research, resulting in the publication of relevant articles and books in the field of developmental studies;
- Administrative duties on academic committees commensurate with career stage, both within the Latin American Studies programme and at the faculty level;
- Initiating new research projects and applying for research funding from external bodies;
- Representation of the field to external audiences and in public media.

Selection criteria

- You hold a PhD degree in Latin American studies focused on relevant contemporary developmental issues.
- You have demonstrable experience and expertise in teaching general courses on modern Latin American history and society, concerning issues of social and economic development is regarded an asset.
- You have a very good academic teaching record (evidenced by evaluations), commitment to high-quality teaching practice, and wide thematic teaching scope.
- You have a research and publication record that is commensurate with career stage.
- You have research experience in Latin America.
- You have specialist knowledge of contemporary Latin American history, politics and society, with a special focus on the social and economic development of the region since the 1980s to the present;
- You have excellent knowledge of present-day theories and academic interpretations in the area of Latin American public policies and social and political development from both national and regional perspectives.
- You have the ability to work from an interdisciplinary perspective (including history, culture and social sciences);
- You have affinity with and capacity for teamwork and collegiality in an intercultural work environment;
- You desirably have demonstrable experience in administrative duties on academic committees within university structures.
- You have an excellent command of English and Spanish, and readiness to learn Dutch within two years (The Institute for History will make resources available to this end); the BA programme in Latin American Studies is taught in Dutch and Spanish, while courses at the MA level are taught in Spanish and English.

Upon appointment, depending on experience and formal qualifications to date, you are required to obtain a nationally standardized teaching skills certification (Basis Kwalificatie Onderwijs, or BKO). If you do not already possess this qualification or its equivalent, you must be willing to obtain this Qualification within two years.

About our organization

Since its founding in 1575, [Leiden University](https://www.universiteitleiden.nl) has acquired an international reputation for excellent teaching and research. With its staff of over 800, the Faculty of Humanities provides 26 Bachelors and 27 Masters programmes for over 7,200 students based at locations in Leiden's historic city centre and in The Hague.

The Institute for History is the home of a vibrant community of researchers and lecturers with outstanding track records and successful in attracting national and international research grants. Under the label 'Global Questions, Local Sources' scholars affiliated to the Institute combine a deep knowledge of global interactions and of specific localities, regions and states in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. They use comparative, connective and entangled approaches and resort to qualitative and quantitative research methodologies.

All researchers of the Institute for History are connected to one of the six research specializations: The Unification of the Mediterranean World (400 BC – 400 AD), Collective Identities and Transnational Networks in Medieval and Early Modern Europe, 1000-1800, Political Culture and National Identities, Colonial and Global History, Cities, Migration and Global Interdependence, and History and International Relations. For more information on the Institute for History <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/humanities/institute-for-history>.

Diversity and Inclusion

Leiden University's Institute for History embraces diversity and seeks candidates who will contribute to a climate that supports students, faculty, and staff of all identities and backgrounds. We strongly encourage individuals from underrepresented and/or marginalized backgrounds to apply.

Terms and conditions

The appointment (0,8 fte) is in temporary employment for 18 months (1 August, 2023 to January 31st, 2025), with the prospect of a permanent position after positive evaluation. The position corresponds to the position of University Lecturer in the University system of job profiles (UFO). The salary is in accordance with the collective salary agreement of the Association of Dutch Universities (CAO) and depending on qualifications and experience. The gross monthly salary is € 3557 (scale 10-4) to € 6181 (scale 12) for a full working week.

Depending on qualifications, as specified by the Faculty of Humanities, particularly regarding teaching skills certification and the number of years of relevant work experience, the appointee may either start at the appropriate step in scale 10, 11 or 12.

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. For international spouses we have set up a dual career programme. Candidates from outside the Netherlands may be eligible for a substantial tax break. More at

<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/working-at/job-application-procedure-and-employment-conditions>.

Information

For more information about this position, please contact Prof.dr. Patricio Silva (p.silva@hum.leidenuniv.nl)

Applications

Applications should be in English and should be submitted via the blue button in our application system. Please quote the vacancy number in your application. All requested documents should be sent in one PDF document named 'FAMILY NAME/vacancy number':

- A letter of motivation including a personal vision of Latin American Studies and the contribution the applicant will bring to this field.
- A CV including education and employment history, publications, language skills, invited talks and presentations, and courses taught.
- One key published article or book chapter.
- Names, positions, and contact details of two referees (letters are not requested at this stage).
- A research agenda with clear potential for applications to funding bodies such as NWO (max. 2 pages); with a special reference to specific public policies areas in Latin America (no more than 1,500 words).
- A teaching statement (max 1 page) about previous experiences in academic teaching, including a complete set of evaluations.

The deadline for applications is 20 January 2023. Interviews and mock lectures (online or on campus) will be held in week 8 and/or 9.

Saludos,
Ana Maria