

Assistant Professor in Urban Governance and Development Policy

This is a research-intensive post (60% research; 40% teaching) supported by the EUR Research Initiative “Vital Cities and Citizens”. This initiative is a major investment area, for the period 2017-2021, to encourage innovative, cross-departmental and cross-school research – at PhD, postdoctoral and senior researcher levels – and prepare bases for longer-term nationally and internationally funded work. The participating Schools are: ESSB, ESHCC and the ISS. The initiative incl. three focus areas: migration & diversity; security & resilience; and culture & creativity. ISS works in the first two.

Research

The position will be part of the all-ISS Research Programme Global Development and Social Justice, in which all ISS staff members participate. As part of its research strategy, the Institute’s Research Programme (RP) has four established research groups and in addition, currently, four multidisciplinary, crosscutting themes: conflict & peace; environment & climate change; migration & diversity; and social protection & inequality. The selected candidate is expected to play an active role both within the ISS RP and in the inter-school cooperation in the Vital Cities and Citizens initiative. Only candidates whose research focuses on the Global South, the poor and vulnerable will be considered. The candidate should be familiar with urban governance as a multi-stakeholder process where state, market and civil society all have roles to play; and possess insight into dynamics arising from processes at global, national and local levels. Valorisation of research, and contributions to public debate and capacity building projects are also important to the ISS.

Teaching

The candidate will be teaching in the ISS MA Programme in Development Studies and will be located in one of its five Majors. Given the focus of the position on urban governance, it is likely that the candidate will be affiliated to the Major Governance and Development Policy (GDP), unless the profile of the selected candidate would fit better with another Major. The GDP Major provides students with insights and skills relevant to understanding and affecting governance processes at local, national and global levels. It combines a thorough theoretical analysis with a practical, policy-oriented approach, with attention for concrete governance and policy dimensions such as the role of various actors for democracy and in public-private-community partnerships, the need for capacity and adequate planning systems, and the effects of corruption.

In addition, the candidate will be expected to contribute flexibly to other teaching activities of the ISS, including teaching management duties in the overall MA programme, as well as to MA and PhD research supervision.

Please submit your application, including a CV and a motivation letter by email to assistant.professor@iss.nl, **before the 1st of November 2018**.

Additional information can be received by contacting Professor Thea Hilhorst (hilhorst@iss.nl), who chairs the Selection Committee. Interviews are expected to be held mid-November.