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The Humanities and Social Sciences Group; Faculty of Social Sciences; Centre for Sociological Research are looking for

PhD Researcher (f/m) - ABV201206

The Research domain of the Family and Population consists of two strands: a historical and a contemporary one. The historical research focuses on demographical and sociological long-term analyses. The contemporary research mainly brings into focus processes and structures of family sociology.

Your opportunities

The aim of the project is to decompose the shift in sequences of life events (regarding family formation) in the rapidly changing society of 19th century Flanders. Sequence analysis (in addition to survival analysis) will allow us to explore a number of processes associated with the demographic transition: the decline of infant mortality and its impact on fertility choices, the shift towards a smaller number of better educated children (quality-quantity trade-off), the changing role of kin, and the emergence of an early marriage pattern. The focus is on earlier family formation and earlier stopping of childbearing, and we will look closely at changing pathways of forerunners and laggards in this process.

We can study these new questions using a unique database containing life courses of multiple, linked generations (1846-1920) in the larger Antwerp area. We can reconstruct the interaction of mutually dependent and 'communicating generations'. The project completes and challenges the work of our team of doctoral students working on various aspects of family formation: housing and marriage of migrants, stopping and spacing of fertility of migrants versus natives, and family clustering of infant and child mortality..

Your profile

- You have a master degree (or equivalent) in sociology, psychology, pedagogy, history or economics;
- You have sufficient knowledge and experience with quantitative methods of social science research;
- You have good written and oral communication skills (NL and EN);
- You can work well in a team;
- You can manage and finalize research;
- You are motivated to train in statistical methods;
- You are willing to operate in an international context;
- You are ready to prepare a doctoral dissertation;

Please clearly state your CV degrees you have obtained.

Our offer

We offer a fulltime employment starting on 2012, March 1st for 2 years, renewable till max. 4 years.

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