



Position:

PhD project, 4 years (1.0fte), start date: 1 April 2018. Initially a contract will be given for 12 months, with an extension for the following 36 months on the basis of a positive evaluation.

Title:

Dress, gender and identity in the northern and western provinces of the Roman Empire (Anchoring Work Package 4)

Salary:

€ 2,222 to € 2,840 gross per month (based on 38 hours a week)

Supervisors:

Prof. Dr. E.A. Hemelrijk (UvA), Dr. U. Rothe (OU, UK), Prof. Dr. O. Hekster (RU)

Organisational unit:

University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities, Amsterdam School of Historical Studies (ASH)

Job description:

The expansion of the Roman Empire and the introduction of imperial rule profoundly changed the lives of men and women in Italy and the Roman provinces. This project will investigate whether, and if so how, these changes were anchored in respect of (accepted or rejected) gender roles and (ethnic) identity by looking at the relationship between dress, gender and identity in the northern and western provinces of the Roman Empire, mainly on the basis of (funerary) reliefs. Applicants are invited to delineate which region(s) they would like to work on.

The main research question is: how did the innovations of the Roman Empire affect the representation (particularly the dress, including attributes and jewellery) of people in the provinces, and how were these innovations anchored in existing dress styles, ethnic traditions and gender norms? What were the reasons for men and women in the provinces to emphasise a local or a Roman identity and how did this fit in with new or existing gender roles?

This project ties in with the contested issue of 'Romanisation' (or globalisation, creolisation, discrepant identities etc.), connecting it with gender and identity in the Roman provinces and trying to come to grips with the different types of impact Roman rule may have had on men and women in the northern and western provinces.

More information about the Anchoring Innovation research agenda of OIKOS can be found on the OIKOS website (<http://www.ru.nl/oikos/anchoring-innovation/>), including an article by Ineke Sluiter, entitled “Anchoring Innovation: a Classical Research Agenda” (<http://www.ru.nl/oikos/anchoring-innovation/publications/>).

Tasks of the PhD candidate will include:

- Completion and defence of a PhD thesis within four years
- Participation in meetings of the project research group(s)
- Presentations of intermediate research results at workshops and conferences
- Participation in the training programme of the Graduate School and Research School

Requirements:

- A (R)MA or MPhil degree in Classics, Ancient History or Roman Archaeology (held by time of appointment)
- Excellent research skills
- A strong cooperative attitude and willingness to engage in collaborative research
- Excellent command of English

Job application:

In order to be considered, applications must include the following information (in the order stated), in one PDF file (not zipped):

- Cover letter
- CV, including contact details of two referees
- Academic transcript
- Research proposal of 1500 words (excluding bibliography and – if appropriate – appendix containing list of sources: together max. two pages A4)
- Copy of relevant degree certificate(s)

Please submit your application to Dr. Roald Dijkstra, the coordinator of the Anchoring programme via anchoring@let.ru.nl **before 1 November 2017**.

Interviews will take place in the week beginning 4 December 2017. For candidates living abroad interviews may be held via Skype.

More information about this position may be obtained from Prof. Dr. E.A. Hemelrijk (E.A.Hemelrijk@uva.nl).