

Job Title: Postdoctoral researcher legal history

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is looking for a

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER LEGAL HISTORY

Department: Public Law and Governance (PLG)

Location: Tilburg

Contract size: 1.0 FTE (40 hours per week)

Full-time gross monthly salary: €4,492 – €6,148

Contract duration: 24 months

Desired starting date: 1 February 2025

Are you a PhD graduate in (legal) history with a passion for archival research? Then we are looking for you!

Tilburg University is hiring a postdoctoral researcher in legal history for the project 'Multilevel Governance in Late Medieval and Early Modern Cities of Commerce'. The project consists of two major work packages: 'Professionals and the People' and 'The Rhine as Legal Entity? Exploring Multilevel Governance and Intercity Relations in the 16th-century Wine Trades across the Rhine Region.' As part of the second work package, you will conduct research on regulations relevant to the wine trade in several German cities along the Rhine. You will join a team of enthusiastic (legal) historians who are studying various aspects of urban institutions in the late medieval and early modern periods.

Your position

As postdoctoral researcher, you will conduct archival and literature research within the aforementioned project. Together with the principal investigators, Dr. Marco in 't Veld (wp 2) and Dr. Maurits den Hollander (wp 1), you will dive into the history of the wine trade in cities such as Wesel, Cologne, Bonn, Koblenz, Mainz, and/or Worms. What expectations did wine merchants have of the urban institutions? Did cities meet these expectations? And if so, how exactly? Did cities collaborate with each other, or did they rather compete?

You will inventorize the available archival material in the relevant cities and produce academic publications, both independently and in collaboration with the principal investigators, to report the research findings. You will also be co-responsible for organizing an international scientific conference. There is ample opportunity to contribute your own ideas and to take initiatives. This way, we develop the project and shape it further collectively. At your request, opportunities to gain teaching experience can be explored. This position allows you to take the next step in your academic career.

The project team

The project team consists of two principal investigators and two postdoctoral researchers, and is embedded in the theme 'Urban Constitutionalism' of the faculty's research program 'Global Law and Governance'. Our department has approximately twelve legal historians. Many of them work on closely related topics, for instance, as part of the ERC-project CaPANES, which investigates the economic sovereignty of several medieval and early modern cities.

To maintain a lively and active community, it is important that we see each other regularly and maintain strong connections. The project team meets at least once a month to exchange literature and research findings. Additionally, you will also have informal and other organized meetings with colleagues. There is ample opportunity to work independently. As a project team, we are present on our beautiful, green campus in Tilburg about two days a week. On other days, you can also work from home. The department regularly organizes team-building and social events, allowing you to get to know colleagues from other specializations better and to feel quickly at home within the Department of Public Law and Governance.

Your profile

Tilburg University is curious about how you can contribute to our research, education, impact, and the team you will be joining. Therefore, we would like to get the best possible picture of your knowledge, skills, and personality. Below you will find a number of qualifications that we consider important for the position.

- You have written a (legal) historical dissertation on a related medieval or early modern topic.
- You have demonstrable experience in independently conducting archival research with handwritten sources from this period.

- You are interested in the institutional, economic, and legal history of the relevant period.
- You possess excellent oral and written communication skills, preferably evidenced by relevant academic publications and conference contributions.
- You have an excellent proficiency of the English and German language, both spoken and written. Proficiency in Dutch and/or Latin is a plus.

Personal competencies:

- You demonstrate scientific integrity and personal leadership, take responsibility for your work and career, and have good self-awareness.
- You have team spirit. You feel part of a team and express this through collaboration, sharing knowledge and experience, and contributing to an open and inclusive work environment.

What do we offer?

Tilburg University offers excellent terms of employment with attention to flexibility and room for (personal) development. We **recognize and reward** our employees and encourage the use of talents and strengths.

For this position, we offer:

- A position based on 1.0 FTE (40 hours per week);
- It is a vacancy for which the work is temporarily funded on the basis of project funding in accordance with Article 2.3 paragraph 7(b) of the CLA for Dutch Universities, namely 'The Rhine as Legal Entity?'. You will be given a temporary employment contract for the duration of 24 months. Continuation of this position depends on the availability of financial resources.
- A salary of minimum €4,492 and maximum €6,148 gross per month for full time employment, based on UFO profile Postdoctoral Researcher and salary scale 11 of the Collective Labour Agreement for Dutch Universities. Tilburg University uses a neutral remuneration system for salary scaling that is based on relevant education and work experience;
- Vacation allowance (8%) and a year-end bonus (8.3%);
- Vacation days (41 days for a 40-hour work week);
- The opportunity to work partly on campus and partly from home with a home office allowance of €2 per day.
- Reimbursement for sustainable commuting: walking, cycling, and public transportation;
- A monthly internet fee of €2;
- An Options Model in which you exchange benefits for things such as additional leave, more pension, a bicycle or personal training at our Sports Center.
- A moving allowance (subject to conditions).
- Employees from outside the Netherlands may be eligible for the 30/20/10% tax facility. We will apply for this reimbursement for you;
- A pension with ABP; the most sustainable Dutch pension fund.
- Training in personal development, career development, leadership, education, and research or a language course at our Language Center.
- A work culture in which we embrace differences, everyone is welcome and given equal opportunities.
- A vibrant campus in green surroundings that is easily accessible by public transport.

Information and application

Would you like to know more before applying? Feel free to contact dr. Marco in 't Veld, Assistant Professor of Legal History, c.m.intveld@tilburguniversity.edu.

We cordially invite you to apply before **1 October 2024**; this can only be done online. Address your cover letter to dr. Marco in 't Veld and attach your CV. In order to make a good selection, we also ask you to provide the following documents:

- Cover letter
- CV
- An official copy of your university degree
- Grades list
- (Link to) digital version of your dissertation
- Publication list and your best publication
- Contact details of at least two referees (name, phone number, and e-mail address)

The selection interviews will take place on 8 October 2024.

The selection committee consists of:

1. Dr. Marco in 't Veld, Assistant Professor of Legal History
2. Dr. Maurits den Hollander, Assistant Professor of Legal History
3. Prof. dr. Dave De ruyscher, Professor of Legal History
4. Ing. Gaby Coenen, Manager of Department

You will ideally start working for Tilburg University on 1 February 2025.

This job posting has been published simultaneously internally and externally. In case of equal suitability, our preference is for an internal candidate.

Tilburg Law School

Since its founding in 1963, Tilburg Law School has become one of the leading law schools in Europe. Through top research and the provision of high-quality university education, the School contributes to society. Tilburg Law School is organized into five Departments: Public Law and Governance; Law, Technology, Markets and Society; Private, Business and Labour Law; the Fiscal Institute Tilburg; and Criminal Law. The mission of the School is to understand and improve the role of law and public administration in addressing the social problems of today and tomorrow. Through research and education, our scholars contribute to that mission.

More than 4,000 students pursue a Bachelor's, pre-Master's or Master's degree at Tilburg Law School. Through this education, we train students in law, public administration, and data science. The Tilburg Educational Profile (TEP) is unique in the Netherlands. Central to it are three core concepts: knowledge, skill and character. A university education provides students with the latest substantive knowledge and trains them to be critical thinkers and resilient professionals. In addition, the School is committed to innovative educational concepts and, partly in response to the coronavirus crisis, has invested heavily in the quality of online education and in innovative didactic tools to make and keep students inquisitive.

Tilburg Law School's research is highly regarded nationally and internationally. The Tilburg Law School Departments work closely together in their research in four signature research programs: 1) Global Law and Governance; 2) Law and Security; 3) Connecting Organizations; and 4) Regulating Socio-Technical Change.

Recruitment code

Tilburg University applies the recruitmentcode of the Dutch Association for Personnel Management & Organization Development (NVP).

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