# PhD in Architectural History and Theory, UCLouvain, Belgium

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Application deadline: Aug 15, 2020

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The UCLouvain in Belgium, Faculty of Architecture, Engineering Architecture and Urbanism, offers 1 full-time PhD position for the project 'Magnificent Architecture: Giving Form to Inherent Greatness in Fifteenth-Century Antwerp, Rouen en Strasbourg'.

Project description:
The project studies the reception of the Aristotelian concept of magnificence in Antwerp, Rouen and Strasbourg of the fifteenth century, as well as the implications of this reception for the design practice and theory of urban residential architecture. By focusing on moral and political literature on magnificence, this project aims to extend the corpus of texts in which late medieval architectural theory took form and to broaden our knowledge on the social and political function of beauty, ornament, craftmanship and materiality attributed to the design of urban residential architecture in the fifteenth century.

What we offer:
We offer a full-time appointment in a doctoral scholarship in a creative and dynamic work environment. Your main assignment consists in carrying out the research project (including writing a PhD dissertation) under the supervision of prof. Nele De Raedt. You will work within the research group of LAA (Laboratoire Analyse Architecture) at the Faculty of Architecture, Engineering Architecture and Urbanism. The research is funded by the Seedfund FSR of the Université catholique de Louvain. The salary is according to UCLouvain regulations for PhD scholarship. The fellowship is free of charge but includes social security costs. Planned starting date: October 1st 2020. Grant duration: 2 years, extendable for 2 years upon positive evaluation (the potential extension is conditioned by the submission/selection of the research project to different funding bodies such as F.R.S.-FNRS, FRESH or the university internal funds (FSR).

Selection process:
Interested candidates should send their application to prof. Nele De Raedt (nele.deraedt@gmail.-com) before 15 August 2020. Applications should include: (1) motivation letter (2) curriculum vitae (3) table of contents and extract from the Master's thesis, or an academic publication (if you have one) (4) two recommendation letters. After a first round of selection based on the applications, the short-listed candidates will be interviewed during the first week of September. For questions, please contact the promoter of the project, prof. Nele De Raedt.

Job requirements:

- We are looking for an outstanding candidate who is passionate about research in the field of architectural history and theory.
- You hold a Master degree in one of the following fields: architecture, art history, history, neo-latin studies, or related fields (or you will have obtained it by the time you start work).
- You can demonstrate excellent study results, or you have distinguished yourself in a similar way during your academic career or professional life. You are able to illustrate your writing skills by means of an article or master thesis.
- You show a pro-active attitude and can work both individually as in a multidisciplinary team.
- You are fluent in English and French. You know how to read Latin sources. Knowledge of Dutch and German will be considered an asset.
- You possess excellent communication skills, both oral and written in English and French.
- You are expected to be internationally mobile.

Reference:

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