PhD position in History, Theory and Criticism of Architecture

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Application deadline: Oct 15, 2020

Nele De Raedt

Offer for 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 of 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 for a doctoral scholarship in the field of the history, theory and criticism of architecture. 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, and in collaboration with the interdisciplinary research group GEMCA at the Institute for the Study of Civilisation, Arts and Letters at UCLouvain. The research is funded by the Seedfund FSR of the Université catholique de Louvain. The salary is according to UCLouvain regulations for a PhD scholarship. Planned starting date: January 1st 2021. Grant duration: 2 years, extendable for 2 years upon positive evaluation.

Job requirements:

- We are looking for an excellent candidate who is passionate about research in the field of the history, theory and criticism of architecture.
- 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 to 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 team.

- You speak French. Knowledge of Dutch and German will be considered an asset, as well as the ability to read Latin sources.
- You are expected to be internationally mobile (in so far the current situation concerning COVID-19 allows it).

Selection process:

Interested candidates should send their application to prof. Nele De Raedt (nele.deraedt@uclouvain.be) before 15 October 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 invited for an interview. For questions, please contact the promoter of the project, prof. Nele De Raedt.

Reference:

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