

## PhD Research fellow (Leuven, Belgium)

Oct 1, 2012–Sep 30, 2016

Application deadline: Aug 1, 2012

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Call for PhD Research fellow at University of Leuven, History of Art, Iconology Research Group

For the period of October 1 2012 - September 30 2016.

In relation to project: "Caput Iohannis in Disco or St John's Head on a Platter: object, context, medium, roots. Towards an iconology of the head in the Middle Ages and the early Modernity between North and South"

With the following project outline:

1. The Johannesschüssel forms an ambiguous object/artifact and difficult to define. It emerges between 1250-1550
2. The Johannesschüssel has a complex Sitz im Leben/ context in devotion, liturgy, drama and 'low culture' (popular and magical uses of the artifact).
3. The Johannesschüssel shows a 'medium-shift' from sculpture to painting at the end of the Middle Ages
4. The Johannesschüssel is related to a wider archetype and deeper situated roots of a fascination for the loose (male) head in European culture with important dynamics on the North-South axes.

The scholarship is destined for those with a university degree (M.A) in History of Art (Middle Ages – Early Modernity), preferable in addition a degree in Cultural Anthropology and/or Religion Studies, whose areas and interests lay in interdisciplinary research into: relic and object cults, performativity and material culture, exegesis and image theory, iconology and Bildwissenschaften.

The candidate will reside periodically in Leuven, Belgium

All candidates are requested to send in the standard application documents (curriculum vitae, copies of degree certificates, a list of publications, two reference letters from university/college lecturers) as well as a brief outline of their research project (max. 3 pages,

plus timetable and bibliography) by august 1st, 2012, to (email is ok):

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