Job posting

Type of position
- [x] scientific
- [ ] administrative

Target group
- [x] graduates
- [ ] post docs
- [ ] other

Title
The role of EU agencies in the management and guarding of borders in the EU

Institution
Maastricht University

Maastricht University is renowned for its unique, innovative, problem-based learning system, which is characterized by a small-scale and student-oriented approach. Research at UM is characterized by a multidisciplinary and thematic approach, and is concentrated in research institutes and schools. Maastricht University has around 18,000 students and 4,300 employees. Reflecting the university's strong international profile, a fair amount of both students and staff are from abroad. The university hosts 6 faculties: Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences, Faculty of Law, School of Business and Economics, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience

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Position
LIMES is a doctoral programme for 13 talented PhD candidates in the domain of the humanities and social sciences, centred on the theme of 'The Hardening and Softening of Borders: Europe in a Globalising World'. This PhD project will investigate the role of EU agencies in the management and guarding of EU borders, which is the explicit mandate of FRONTEX, the EU’s Coastal and Border Guard Agency. But, also other agencies such as the EASO, the European Asylum Support Office, Europol, and Eurojust are concerned with issues of border management. One of the challenges within the EU border management is the legal demarcation between competences and the coordination amongst the EU institutions and the national authorities. It involves diverse interests and resources among the Member States, which often hinders coordination. At the same time, the Member States are not able to provide adequate responses to border control and thus transnational solutions are required. To this end, EU agencies are asked to provide responses based on expertise, knowledge and depoliticisation. This, however, depends on their resources, social organization and authority, which this PhD project aims to investigate. Equally, this leads to an intricate interplay between national and European authorities. This raises questions in relation to the division of legal tasks and responsibility and the corresponding accountability of EU institutions and agencies and the national authorities. This
The project will take on both a legal and social sciences analysis.

**Responsibilities**

Please consult the vacancy via https://limes.maastrichtuniversity.nl/vacancies to learn more about the project description.

**Requirements**

Candidates will be judged on the basis of the requirements outlined below. Candidates should make sure that their application letter demonstrates how they meet these requirements:

- Master degree in European law, European studies and/or social sciences;
- Strong analytical skills;
- Outstanding writing skills;
- Show an obvious interest in academic research;
- Have the capability of autonomously conducting original research as well as working in a team;
- Fluency in English;
- The PhD candidate must relocate to Denmark, Roskilde University for one year.

The researcher will be based at the Faculty of Law of Maastricht University, and undertake a 12-month secondment at the Department of Social Sciences and Business, University of Roskilde, Denmark.

**Application procedure (deadline etc.)**

Applicants can apply for this vacancy via this link:
https://limes.maastrichtuniversity.nl/vacancies

The content of this link states what applicants have to do to apply.

The deadline for submitting your application is 8 April 2020

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