

Vacature: PhD (AIO) for the project 'Media in the Dutch Antilles: Identities, Politics, and Change'

The NWO program 'Confronting Caribbean Challenges' (CCC) will start in the Fall of 2014. CCC contributes to scholarly research on governance and identity in small-scale polities, with a focus on non-sovereignty and migration. The research team will consist of two post-docs and two PhDs. KITLV works closely with Leiden University in the CCC program. For this particular PhD-project, there will be close cooperation with the university's program in Journalism and New Media.

This PhD project will focus on the role of the press and media in Antillean society over the past decades, with a specific emphasis on the ways local media have impacted the practice of politics and islanders' understanding of their own identity on the six Antillean islands. The PhD will contribute to answering the project's overarching questions about the intersections of identity, politics, and the possibilities for future development in the Dutch Antilles. The PhD student will describe the media landscape on the islands and chose some case studies concerning the development of the independent media on the islands.

The PhD will have a great deal of flexibility in determining the course of his/her research, including the case-studies to be analyzed. To that end, we ask all applicants to submit a ca. 1500 word proposal in which they describe their potential project, including a research question, sub-questions, methodology, an explanation of how this proposal ties in with the overarching questions of the CCC project, and a rough schedule for completion of the work.

Job requirements

The PhD candidate should:

- Hold a (preferably Research) Master's degree in a relevant discipline within the Humanities or Social Sciences, or is due to graduate before November 2014;
- Excel academically, as shown in the transcripts and curriculum vitae;
- Have affinity with, and preferably experience in, the field of Caribbean Studies;
- Have a firm basis in quantitative research and/or in qualitative research;
- Have an excellent written and spoken command of Dutch and English, and should be able to read Papiamentu or should be willing to learn this language.

Tasks

- Conduct research, including field research in the Caribbean;
- Write and complete a PhD dissertation within the allotted time (four years for 1.0 fte; five years at 0.8);
- Collaborate with supervisors and peers on research and publications;
- Participate in conferences, workshops, and other scholarly activities.

Application Packet should contain:

- +/- 1500 words describing how the potential candidate will approach the topic (methodologies, project planning, major questions and sub-questions);
- Two letters of recommendation;
- Writing sample;
- CV;
- Transcripts (records of grades achieved for the BA/MA degrees);
- Cover letter detailing why the potential candidate would like to join the project.

The PhD candidate will work at the KITLV's office on the University of Leiden's campus in Leiden.

For more information please contact kitlv@kitlv.nl.

Deadline for submission of applications is 15 September 2014 to kitlv@kitlv.nl

Please put "CCC Media AIO" in the subject line.

Full descriptions of the CCC-program and of this particular position are available at KITLV's website at [ConfrontingCaribbeanChallenges.pdf](#)