

## **Vacancy at Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Brussels' Free University) in the Law Science Technology & Society Research Group.**

### **Junior researcher – Position of 29 Months with Possible Extension**

**Commencement Date: February 15<sup>th</sup> 2012**

The Law Science Technology & Society Research Group (LSTS) is an important research center at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. The LSTS has a vacancy for a Junior researcher wishing to undertake a PhD in the field of law and new technologies. In addition to this, the successful candidate will be required to conduct research linked to the EU funded project IRISS and possibly on other EU funded research projects. Project research will be closely connected with issues of fundamental rights and new technologies, particularly surveillance technologies. The initial duration of the vacancy is 29 months, but this is open to extension at a later date.

#### **Job description:**

- Carrying out research towards a PhD.
- Participating in theoretical and empirical scientific research on the above mentioned topics.
- Publishing results in international scientific journals.
- Presenting findings at (international) conferences and seminars.
- Active participation in European research projects, IRISS and others.

#### **Candidate profile:**

- Completed or nearly completed master's degree (M.A, MSc level or equivalent).
- Academic background in law but able to appreciate different academic approaches (a second degree in sociology or political theory, would be welcome but is not strictly necessary).
- Able to think both theoretically and practically and to deal with novel, emerging and cutting edge issues.
- Experience working with fundamental rights, surveillance, law and new technologies or in a field related to the above mentioned topics would be welcome but is not strictly necessary.
- Excellent analytical skills and commitment to conduct innovative research at the intersection of law and other disciplines.
- Demonstrable ambition to start a scientific career, in particular by earlier publications.
- Interest in and feeling for research.
- Good writing skills (please send one or two examples of former work)
- Mastery of English and French.

#### **Conditions of Employment**

The candidate will be offered fixed term renewable contracts of one year for the 29 month period (this may be extended at a later date), starting as soon as possible. The

successful candidate will be employed by Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

### **The Organisation**

LSTS is devoted to analytical, theoretical and prospective research into the relationships between law, science, technology and society. Even if LSTS's core expertise is legal, it also has a strong track record and experience in legal theory, philosophy of sciences and bio-ethics, and also engages in criminological and STS-research.

<http://www.vub.ac.be>

The VUB itself, of which LSTS is a part, is organised into 8 faculties aimed at accomplishing the university's three central missions: education, research, and service to the community. The faculties cover a broad range of fields of knowledge including the natural sciences, classics, life sciences, social sciences, humanities, and engineering. The university provides bachelor, master, and doctoral education to around 8,000 undergraduate and 1,000 graduate students. It is also a strongly research-oriented institute.

### **Application**

Applications, including an application letter, detailed curriculum vitae, any relevant publications, and mentioning the vacancy number in the subject heading, should be sent to Professor Paul De Hert, [paul.de.hert@vub.ac.be](mailto:paul.de.hert@vub.ac.be) and to [dara.hallinan@isi.fraunhofer.de](mailto:dara.hallinan@isi.fraunhofer.de) before: December 15<sup>th</sup> 2011.

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