

Job Title: Personal Professor in Disaster and Crisis Studies (Tenure Track) (F/M)

We are looking for

Within the chair group **Sociology of Development and Change (SDC)** there is a vacancy for a personal professor with demonstrated excellence in teaching and research in the area of crisis and disaster studies. This position contributes to the chair group by focusing on crises and disasters as events that are both interfering with and integral to contemporary processes of development and social change. The work at the chair group is characterized by its multi-disciplinary character and its ethnographic approach. The candidate will develop a research agenda focussing on challenges related to natural hazards, conflicts, and their effects against the background of climate change, shifting rural - urban relationships, migration and growing urban complexity. As these issues will increasingly play out in highly populated areas and peri-urban settings, they will lead to key conceptual and policy challenges related to coping mechanisms, resilience, (aid) interventions, governance and disaster preparedness.

The position entails research, teaching and supervision of Bachelor, Masters and PhD students, acquisition and related management tasks. We expect the candidate to have affinity with educational innovation and vision in leading and improving the disaster and crisis studies course portfolio, by for instance integrating participatory teaching methods and modern media techniques.

We ask

The candidate has

- a PhD in a relevant social science field with a focus on conflict or disaster studies,
- relevant fieldwork experience,
- a strong international network and an excellent publication record,
- an innovative and creative approach to opening up new avenues for research and the acquisition of funding.

In addition, we expect the candidate to have experience with interdisciplinary work and the capability to connect people in a team-building atmosphere. The candidate should have a passion for education, proven by a track record of academic teaching and supervision. Furthermore, we require interpersonal skills and enthusing qualities. The candidate should be fluent in English. Foreign candidates are expected to learn Dutch.

We offer

We offer a personal professorship. Within WUR a personal professorship is the outcome of a challenging career trajectory called Tenure Track (for more information about the Tenure Track at Wageningen UR visit www.wageningenur.nl/tenuretrack). We are looking for high potentials who can excel in education and research. The position is a permanent one, but the professor appointed will have to go through an assessment after 5 years, on the basis of the tenure criteria that apply to personal professors. A part time position of 0.8 fte is negotiable.

Gross salary: from € 71.790,- to € 92.570,- per year, based on full time employment and dependent on expertise and experience.

A more detailed profile can be obtained from Marielle.Takes@wur.nl, and from www.wageningenur.nl/dis. Additional enquiries should be addressed to Godelieve.Spaas@wur.nl or +31(0)317 484507.

Application

To apply, please upload your letter of motivation and your CV, including a list of publications via our online respond button (above), **before June 10**. You will receive an automatic e-mail confirmation within 24 hours. Upon shortlisting we ask the candidate to prepare a public trial lecture to be held in Wageningen on August 27 or 29 as part of the assessment procedure. The interviews will be held from mid-June (week 25/26).

Please note that only applications sent through the online respond button can be taken into consideration, please do not send your application via email.

We are

The Sociology of Development and Change (SDC) Group combines a critical approach to development issues and processes with an interest in crisis, governance, livelihood and resources, in rural as well as urban environments. It is interested in the nexus between local and global processes and the continuities and discontinuities between stability and crisis. We focus on topics such as food security, water and water management, disaster risk reduction, social movements, and development and humanitarian aid.

For more information visit the SDC Group webpage: www.wageningenur.nl/sdc.

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Acquisition regarding this vacancy is not appreciated.