

**Interuniversity Center for Social Science Theory and Methodology (ICS)
of the Universities of Groningen, Utrecht, and Nijmegen,
The Netherlands.**

Subject: Full Ph.D scholarships at ICS
Postdoc project at ICS

Dear Colleague,

We turn to you because we believe you might know excellent graduates in one of the social sciences for whom we have the unique opportunity to obtain a full four-year scholarship in our doctoral program.

The recruitment and selection for these full Ph.D scholarships procedure starts now with advertisements in Dutch and foreign newspapers, on www.jobs.ac.uk and the ICS website (www.ics-graduateschool.nl).

Next to Ph.D scholarships, the vacancies include two postdoc projects. The first one is on 'Quick Fixes versus Never-Ending Stories: Causes and Consequences of Variation in the Duration of Reorganization.'

The second postdoc project is on 'Labour market inequalities between men and women in Europe'.

The Interuniversity Center for Social Science Theory and Methodology (ICS) is an institute for postgraduate studies under the scientific directorship of Siegwart Lindenberg and Rafael Wittek of the University of Groningen, Henk Flap, Louk Hagendoorn, and Werner Raub of Utrecht University, and Wout Ultee of the University of Nijmegen. The ICS offers a postgraduate program for a small selection of excellent graduates in one of the social sciences (including economics, history, mathematics or computer sciences). The structured program consists of training in advanced theory construction and research methods by means of courses, tutorials and individual study. Supervision and monitoring are intense: each Ph.D student is supported by a personal supervision team meeting on a regular basis. At the end of four years our Ph.D students will have finished his or her dissertation, ready to enter the growing market for highly trained researchers in the social sciences.

Training and thesis supervision are given in English. As the ICS is a joint venture of the universities of Groningen, Utrecht and Nijmegen, 1/3 of each year group Aio's resides in Utrecht, 1/3 in Groningen and 1/3 in Nijmegen. Courses are given alternately in Groningen, Utrecht and Nijmegen, with each group commuting during the nine week period of each course.

The ICS is well equipped with personal computers (connected to the mainframes via networks) and with advanced software for text editing, statistical analysis, data entry and manipulation, simulation and network analyses. In addition, the ICS has access to a network of experts to whom the Ph.D's can turn if necessary.

While many PhD programs elsewhere offer appointments for at most three years, ICS PhD students enjoy a four-year appointment, presuming a positive evaluation after the first year. Moreover, ICS PhD students enjoy rather comfortable conditions, certainly compared to opportunities for PhD students in other countries, in the sense that the salary amounts to appr. €2000,- before taxes in the first year of the appointment, rising to appr. €2558,- before taxes in the fourth year. Also, there are no tuition fees.

We would like to ask you to search in your own network for recent graduates who might be interested and who are highly qualified.

General information on the ICS and the structure of the program can be found on the ICS homepage: <http://www.ics-graduateschool.nl>. An update of the information concerning the selection procedure 2008 and the projects which will be offered this year will be on the homepage by the end of March, 2008. The same information will be issued in a brochure, which can be ordered via e.mail: (Sociologie@maw.ru.nl). For further information and applications (see the last page of the brochure, and on the homepage: 'How to Apply'), interested graduates can write to the ICS Secretariat in Nijmegen. If the application reaches us before May 1, 2008, it will be considered for this year's selection.

We very much appreciate your interest and cooperation,

Rafael Wittek,
Scientific Director ICS