

## Chair UN Studies

The Hague University of Applied Sciences and Leiden University are offering a Chair in United Nations Studies. This is a part-time position (0,6 fte for 3 years) combining an appointment as professor (lector) leading the research group United Nations Studies at the Faculty of Public Management, Law & Safety of The Hague University of Applied Sciences (0,3 fte) and an Extraordinary Chair of United Nations Studies (0,3 fte) at the Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs (FGGA) of Leiden University.

This chair is sponsored by the city of The Hague. Given the importance of the UN, the international profile of the city of The Hague as the city of Peace and Justice, and the ties that the former mayor Jozias van Aartsen has with the UN, the city has expressed the wish to establish a special chair of United Nations Studies as part of the Jozias van Aartsen UN Honours Program. As Foreign Secretary and as Mayor of The Hague as well, Jozias van Aartsen explicitly promoted the United Nations legacy. The Jozias van Aartsen UN Honours Program suits the man who – at the start of this appointment as Mayor - launched the Hague Bridge Program to connect the City of Peace and Justice with The Hague's citizens. The City Diplomacy Bureau of the Municipality will be actively involved in the practical support of the Honours Program.

### **Focus of the chair**

In these times of global instability, more than ever there is a real need for international organisations in general and the United Nations in particular to contribute to global stability and the wellbeing of all citizens of the world. At the same time, important questions are being raised about the effectiveness of the current UN system. The research agenda of the chair should focus on the effectiveness of the UN-system to provide peace and justice in a rapidly changing world. The research group should focus on topical and urgent questions, such as:

1. How should the UN system be reformed to be effective in a rapidly changing world?
2. How can the position of the UN in a changing and globalising world be strengthened?
3. How can the effectiveness of the current UN instruments to deal with new types of conflicts and problems be improved?

### **Organisational context The Hague University of Applied Sciences**

The research group will be part of the Research Platform Good Governance for a Safe World, one of the four research platforms of THUAS. In this research platform researchers from four faculties participate and collaborate. The research of the platform focuses on the themes ( 1) Global Cities, (2) New Risks, and (3) Complex Governance. The work of the research group United Nations Studies: Peace and Justice will mainly contribute to the platform's second research theme, focusing on global safety and security. This does not discount a potential contribution to the other two research themes of the research platform Good Governance for a Safe World. For theme one, the importance of cities in contributing to global governance is important and for theme three the contribution of international (UN) organization to global governance is obvious.

The research group will be located within the Faculty of Public Management, Law & Safety. In this faculty, there is considerable expertise on the theme of the research group, particularly in the programmes for International & European Law, International Public Management and Safety and Security Management Studies. There are also obvious links with the faculty Management & Organisation and its programme on European Studies. And as international security increasingly has a digital dimension, links with the IT and Design faculty and the Centre of Expertise of Cyber Security are also relevant.

### **Organisational context Leiden University**

The Extraordinary Chair will be installed at Leiden University's Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs, in The Hague, more specifically within the Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA).

The Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs (FGGA) aims at contributing to solutions for societal challenges, in an attempt to achieve necessary innovations in the fields of public administration, environment, health and security. The Faculty is doing so in anticipation of the National Research Agenda and the objectives of the Horizon 2020 programme.

Complex challenges request an interdisciplinary approach, which the FGGA offers by pairing disciplinary scientific knowledge with the capacity of interdisciplinary, cross-boundary work. The FGGA is pre-eminently suitable to address these challenges - through teaching, research and social impact – making use of the unique location offered by the region and closely supporting the creed 'The Hague of Peace and Justice'.

The Institute of Security and Global Affairs, which will host the Chair of UN Studies, is a scientific institute that specializes in security issues. Researchers at this institute are engaged in interdisciplinary research and teaching within the international scientific field of security studies. The approach to issues of security is glocal, that is to say that the local, national, transnational and global impact are studied and analysed in conjunction with each

### **The position**

The Chair of UN Studies has a number of responsibilities:

- Giving (guest) lectures and organizing activities in the field of UN Studies;
- Creating awareness among youth and students concerning the principles, goals and current role of the United Nations;
- Stimulating youth in the boroughs Schilderswijk and Transvaal (in the context of the so-called Schilderswijk and Transvaal University) to participate in UN-related activities, for instance through an essay competition;
- Organizing an annual lecture, preferably at the Peace Palace, where scientists, students and talented youth are invited;
- Actively contribute to the Van Aartsen UN Honours Program, a.o. an annual visit to New York with Joias van Aartsen and a group of students;
- Bridging the academic world and the UN Studies field with the city of The Hague.
- Organizing joint events for students of Leiden University and The Hague University of Applied Sciences

### **Your profile**

We are looking for an experienced researcher who holds a good scientific/research reputation, also based on publications relevant to the area of the research group. The candidate is prepared and able to collaborate with the research platform and other internal and external stakeholders, and to direct the efforts of the research group to the innovation of knowledge and professional practice in the area of United Nations Studies.

If you meet the job requirements we would like to invite you to apply for this vacancy.

- a PhD in Social Sciences or Law;
- a solid/strong track-record as researcher in one of these fields;
- demonstrable experience with positions of the UN system;
- excellent teaching experience;
- capability to address various groups of people (youth, students, scientists, diplomats);
- capability to relate to and make a link with the city of The Hague;
- strong communicative skills, both in Dutch and in English.

**What we offer**

We offer:

- A maximum gross monthly salary of €6,940.60 (scale 15) for full-time employment, not including 8% holiday allowance (our employment terms and conditions are in keeping with the Collective Labour Agreement for higher professional education);
- An end of year bonus;
- An appointment term of three years, with an evaluation after two years;
- You will be appointed at The Hague University of Applied Sciences for 0,6 fte of which 0,3 fte for Leiden University and 0,3 fte for The Hague University of Applied Sciences;
- A generous leave policy of around 45 days with a full-time appointment, not including the mandatory days off and national holidays;
- An easily accessible work space (in The Hague) by both car (plenty of parking facilities) and train (next to the Holland Spoor station);
- *The Lighthouse*: A platform for encounters, inspiration and innovation at The Hague University of Applied Sciences, with a varied programme of lectures, inspiring stories, discussions and debates, workshops, exhibitions films and performances;
- A large network and a dynamic environment among young, motivated international students.

Moreover, The Hague houses around 200 inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, such as the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court, Europol, and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. A large part of the academic education and research in The Hague directly touches the work and activities of these international organizations. The proximity of these organizations as well as the Embassies is of great value for this chair.

**Are you our new colleague?**

You can apply for the position by submitting your CV and cover letter via the link below. The application deadline is 11 February 2018. The selection process consists of a presentation based on an assignment and a meeting with the selection and advisory committee.

**Do you want more information?**

For detailed information about this vacancy, please contact [REDACTED], Faculty Director Public Management, Law and Safety by e-mail to [REDACTED]. Do you want more information on the application process? Please, contact the Resourcing team at 070-[REDACTED] or by email to [vacatures@hhs.nl](mailto:vacatures@hhs.nl).

*You can apply for this position through the application button. Applications sent to the e-mail addresses*