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Post-doc "Fighting at the Fault lines of Society" v/m  
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**Vacancy number 1.2010.00xxx**

The chair Social Conflict & Change (SCC) within the Sociology department at the Faculty of Social Sciences of VU University Amsterdam has a vacancy for a PostDoc position.

**Positioning**

*Fighting at the Fault lines of Society* is a project funded by the NWO within the Conflict and Security Program. The central question of the project reads: Why do people protest (or not) and by which organizations are they mobilised (or not), and how does that relate to cleavages socio-political conflicts reflect? This project examines street demonstrations through the lens of cleavage theory. The PostDoc will exploit a dataset to be accumulated in the course of an ESF-funded project (08-ESF-001, [www.protestsurvey.eu](http://www.protestsurvey.eu)) 'Caught in the act of protest. Contextualizing Contestation (CCC)'. This multilevel dataset aims to collect data of 100 demonstrations in 7 countries encompassing information on mobilizing actors, participants, and socio-political context. Being the largest multilevel database ever accumulated on protest participation it offers a unique opportunity to analyse various levels of conflicts. The specific objective of this PostDoc project is to employ the overall design by developing and testing a multilevel theoretical framework on protest participation.

The Social Conflict and Change cluster within the Sociology department at VU University will be the setting of the Postdoc. S/he is embedded in an inspiring and strong research group of 19 researchers headed by Professor Bert Klandermans and staffed by among others Jacqueliën van Stekelenburg and 11 PhDs, 6 of whom are supervised by Klandermans/Van Stekelenburg. The Postdoc will also participate in the CCC team. This team pools interdisciplinary renowned experts, consisting of social psychologists, political scientists, and sociologists.

**Profile**

We are looking for a candidate with a PhD in social sciences who can start January the 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 at the latest. Note that NWO requires that the candidate has defended his/her dissertation before this date. The PostDoc should have a strong scientific track record, preferably a demonstrable interest in social movements, political protest and protest participation and is experienced in quantitative research methods (preferably Multi-level Analyses). Because of the multi-disciplinary character of the group, we expect the candidates to be open-minded about different theoretical and methodological approaches and to be interested in working in a group of people from different disciplines.

**Tasks**

- To develop and test a multilevel theoretical framework on protest participation, leading to publications in international journals;
- Participate in coordinating tasks in the management of the CCC project;
- Participate in co-supervision of PhD students.

**Further specifications**

A contract of employment is offered initially for a period of one year. Satisfactory performance is subject to an appointment for another year.

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**Salary**

The salary amounts to € 2.923,= gross (scale 10.5) to € 3.755,= gross (maximum scale 10) a month depending on experience, based on full-time employment.

**Information and application**

Further information about this vacancy and the proposal can be obtained from dr. Jacqueliën van Stekelenburg, e-mail [j.van.stekelenburg@vu.nl](mailto:j.van.stekelenburg@vu.nl).

Applications (cover letter and curriculum vitae), mentioning the vacancy number in the e-mail header or at the top left of the letter and envelope, should be submitted before the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2010 to VU University Amsterdam, Faculty of Social Sciences, attn. mrs. drs. M. Karssen, directeur bedrijfsvoering, de Boelelaan 1081, 1081 HV Amsterdam or by e-mail: [vacature.soc.fswc@vu.nl](mailto:vacature.soc.fswc@vu.nl).

Toward the end of October candidates will be invited for a job interview. The candidates who are invited for a job interview will be asked to write a sketch of how they would elaborate on the outlined research project (500-1000 words in English or Dutch). Job interviews will take place on Thursday and Friday 4 & 5 November 2010.