

Annoucement of a Postdoctoral Position

ERC Starting Grant RESIST (2010-2015)

Political Theory, History of Political Thought, Political and Legal Philosophy

The European Research Council funded research project RESIST "*Human Rights versus Democracy? Towards a Conceptual Genealogy of Skepticism about Human Rights in Contemporary Political Thought*" located at the Centre for Political Theory (Prof. Justine Lacroix) at the Université libre de Bruxelles searches for a **postdoctoral research fellow for October 1, 2011**.

The aim of **RESIST** is to outline a conceptual genealogy and a critical typology of the theoretical arguments that have been advanced, in the name of democracy, against the dominant human rights discourse of contemporary societies. The main types of critique will be outlined, with an emphasis on their complexity and diverse nature. This typology will then be supplemented with historical contextualisation. Contemporary examples of the democratic critique of the *primacy* of human rights will be compared with historical examples of thinkers who criticised human rights as such, notably Bentham, Burke, Marx, De Maistre, Comte and Schmitt.

Starting Date : October 1, 2011

Eligibility : Candidates must have obtained a PhD in Politics, Law or Philosophy less than 8 years before the starting date of the contract. For fiscal reasons, Belgian citizens and candidates who will have lived for more than two years in Belgium at the starting date of the contract are not eligible.

Duration : 1 year minimum to 3 years maximum.

Salary : Depending of the candidate's scientific background, the net salary will vary between 2050 euro and 2250 euros per month.

Facilities : the postdoc will be offered a shared office at the University. Funds will be available to cover travel costs and the purchase of books/journals.

Required documents : Curriculum Vitae with a list of Publications ; Research Project (max. 3 pages) and the names of two referees.

Please send your application in PDF-format via e-mail to jlacroix@ulb.ac.be before February 15, 2011.

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