



Utrecht University

UGlobe
The Utrecht Centre for Global Challenges



Chair in Comparative Global History

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Bright minds, better future

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Working at Utrecht University

At Utrecht University, we work together towards a better future for all of us. With more than 6,000 members of staff, we provide socially relevant research and high-quality education. We cooperate with other (international) universities, trade and industry, the authorities, the cultural sector and societal organisations. Working at Utrecht University means working at the best university in the Netherlands.

About Utrecht University

Founded in 1636, Utrecht University is one of the oldest universities in the Netherlands and is amongst the largest in Europe. Utrecht University is an international research university of the highest quality. This has been demonstrated for many years by its high positions in international rankings such as the Shanghai Ranking and the Times Higher Education. The University is located in the centre of the Netherlands in the attractive and culturally vibrant city of Utrecht. The Utrecht region is among the most economically competitive regions in Europe, and a hub for science, innovation and education.



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UTRECHT UNIVERSITY

Mission

Utrecht University is working to contribute to a better world. Our graduates have the knowledge and skills to make a substantial contribution to society. Our research is ground-breaking and focused on solving major global issues. Our collaborative culture fosters innovation, new insights and societal impact.

Core values

The core values of ambition, inspiration, commitment and independence form the basis of our university community.

The quality of research at the University is demonstrated by positive research evaluations and a high position in international league tables. Research at Utrecht aims to connect scientific excellence and fundamental research with societal change. Utrecht's research strategy is based on four themes with a strong emphasis on multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches:

Dynamics of Youth

Dynamics of Youth researches the development of young people in a rapidly changing society. Who is at risk and how can we ensure the optimal conditions for individual and social development?

Institutions for Open Societies

How do institutions – the formal and informal rules of human action – contribute to long-term prosperity, equality and democracy?

Life Sciences

Infectious diseases (including those transmitted from animals to humans) and chronic diseases such as cancer and cardiovascular diseases pose major social problems that demand new medicines and technologies.

Sustainability

Utrecht University makes an active contribution to a sustainable society by sharing academic knowledge and by providing an inspirational example for others.

Structure

Utrecht University boasts seven faculties and three teaching institutes. Each faculty consists of a number of departments. Each department coordinates the research and teaching programmes of a specific field of science. Scientific staff are appointed at department level.

Faculties

- Faculty of Geosciences
- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

And the three teaching institutes:

- University College Roosevelt
- University College Utrecht
- Centrum voor Onderwijs en Leren

For more information on Utrecht University please visit: www.uu.nl/en



UGlobe

The Utrecht Centre for Global Challenges



UGlobe

Through UGlobe, situated in the historic heart of Utrecht, Utrecht University offers the platform for education and research on issues related to the contested global order, and for academic and societal debate about the global challenges the world is faced with today.

Global challenges, like climate change, increasing inequality, poverty, conflicts, breaches of human rights and citizens' concerns about identity, cannot be solved from the perspective of just one discipline. UGlobe, the Utrecht Centre for Global Challenges, brings together people from different backgrounds and disciplines to explore and study these challenges and to contribute to innovative solutions.

The centre explores possible new insights at the intersections of four central research domains: human rights, conflict & security, sustainability and development & equity.

These strongly interrelated domains will be studied within the overarching theme of global challenges and the contested global order, from the following disciplines: (international and European) law, economics, history, international relations, philosophy and international governance studies.

Moreover, the role of the European Union and European cooperation and the interaction between Europe and global institutions play a pivotal role in the research. The knowledge and insight thus gained will inform the subsequent exploration of innovative solutions to the challenges that the global order faces.

The Centre is a joint initiative of the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance.

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NETWORK

UGlobe is a network organisation with an open structure, forging connections in the field of research between the strategic research themes of Institutions for Open Societies, Sustainability, and Life Sciences. UGlobe also cooperates with the focus area of Cultures, Citizenship & Human Rights and provides for new opportunities for future collaboration with research partners within the university and beyond.

EDUCATION

UGlobe continues and expands upon the successful collaboration between the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Law, Economics, and Governance in the area of education, which previously was coordinated by the Utrecht Centre for International Studies (UCIS).

Educational cooperation across UGlobe programmes, through the exchange of lecturers and developing linkages between programmes, provides students with an academic experience that transcends individual disciplines.

To this end, the Global Studies programme organises events, such as lectures, masterclasses, simulations, special events, and a UGlobe summer school, all of which aim to bring students working on international issues together.

UGlobe's Global Studies programme furthermore promotes education related to the study of political, economic, legal, ecological, ethical, social, and cultural interconnectedness.

It supports undergraduate programmes, as well as six Master's programmes: Conflict Studies and Human Rights, European Governance, European Law, International Relations in Historical Perspective, Law and Economics, Public International Law and the new PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) programme which is expected to be launched in 2018.



RESEARCH

UGlobe scholars focus on four central research domains: Human Rights, Conflict & Security, Sustainability, Development & Equity.

DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

UGlobe focuses on two crucial and interrelated areas of contestation. The first is the global distribution of natural resources, space, and food. Despite technological advances, the issue of scarcity and inequality remains and has become more urgent in certain cases. The antagonism between citizens is also growing, catalysed by the increasing inequality of income and assets.

Simultaneously, globalisation has resulted in increased mobility of people, money, goods, and information. This raises questions about how states should relate to each other within the current architecture of the international (institutional) order and about the nature of a society that is ideally based on the foundations of democracy, the rule of law, respect for human rights, and a sustainable economy.

SENSE OF INSECURITY

Alongside the issue of global inequality in terms of distribution, UGlobe focuses on a second crucial issue: the deepening sense of insecurity among the general public. This insecurity reinforces the desire to cling to what is familiar and trusted.

Counter-movements have emerged which address a growing need for attention to and a reinforcement of (cultural and religious) identity. This emergence raises questions about the relationship between identity, freedom, and the security of citizens, as well as the way in which an awareness of identity relates to the normative foundations of societies and the international order.

More information: www.uu.nl/uglobe



TWO DESIGNATED UGlobe CHAIRS

At the heart of UGlobe are two designated chairs, a chair in Global Comparative History and a chair in Global Economic Challenges .

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR IN COMPARATIVE GLOBAL HISTORY

The chair in Comparative Global History will be placed in the Department of History and Art History (Faculty of Humanities). It is a full-time position (1.0 fte) for a full professorship, with a focus on research during the first five years.

The field of study of this chair is the inquiry into global challenges from a comparative perspective. It concerns a relatively new, emerging area of study with an interdisciplinary approach.

The chair in Comparative Global History connects historical expertise with insights from other disciplines in the humanities, social sciences, law and/or geography. The chair investigates the role of social, political, economic and/or cultural institutional arrangements and how these enable or hamper responses to contemporary global challenges, especially those central to UGlobe, i.e. human rights, sustainability, security and conflict, development and equity. Institutions are understood in the broad sense, as clusters of formal and informal rules shaped in and by societies. Formal rules include laws and regulations, but also organisational forms that steer societies. Informal rules encompass norms, customs, beliefs and routines, but also social and cultural networks.

For this chair, interdisciplinary research means combining conceptual and theoretical analyses, as well as interpretative and empirical methods. With its comparative approach, the chair combines expertise on local, national and/or European perspectives with a wider, global frame.

The chair in Comparative Global History is expected to connect the domain of UGlobe, the interdisciplinary Utrecht Centre for Global Challenges, to the research programme Institutions for Open Societies.

Profile

We expect that the chair:

- will contribute to the research programme of UGlobe by combining historical expertise with interdisciplinary research;
- will initiate and stimulate research within UGlobe and the Department of History and Art History on topics connected with UGlobe and the strategic research theme Institutions for Open Societies;
- will contribute to the visibility of the field of study both within and beyond the Faculty of Humanities and the Dutch academic world;
- will initiate, and participate in, activities aimed to disseminate academic knowledge to the wider public;

- will act as a linchpin between various initiatives, and is thus expected to demonstrate outreach, openness and the ability to build bridges between diverse approaches and colleagues;
- will be responsible for teaching and curriculum development within the School of History and Art History, including the envisaged undergraduate programme Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

Required competences

Candidates have wide-ranging expertise and qualities in a field of history relevant to Comparative Global History, and experience in interdisciplinary research.

With regard to research, the candidate

- has excellent qualifications, evident from leading publications on themes relevant to the position;
- has a proven ability to form his/her own line of research within the framework as described above;
- has supervisory skills, evidenced by the coaching of young researchers, including PhD candidates;

- has a successful track record in attracting substantial research funding from external sources, or shows the potential and willingness to do so;
- is experienced in interdisciplinary cooperation;
- has an international orientation, evidenced by international research networks.

With regard to education, the candidate

- has excellent didactic skills and is able to motivate students;
- is in possession of a university teaching qualification (if not, the candidate will be required to obtain one within two years after appointment);
- has proven experience in course and curriculum development;
- is able to contribute to courses in relevant programmes of the School of History and Art History;
- is fully competent in the English language
- will be required to master the Dutch language within two years.



APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR IN GLOBAL ECONOMIC CHALLENGES (1,0 FTE)

The chair in Global Economic Challenges will be placed at the Utrecht University School of Economics (U.S.E.). U.S.E. is part of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance [Faculteit Recht, Economie en Bestuurs- & Organisatie (REBO)] of Utrecht University. It is a full time position (1.0 fte) for a full professorship, with a focus on research during the first five years.

U.S.E. encourages a multidisciplinary approach with a strong awareness of the complex socio-economic reality: human behaviour is not always rational and markets are not always in equilibrium. Institutions are important in understanding economic dynamics and so are the dimensions of time and space. More specifically, U.S.E. sets itself the target of contributing actively to a society in which people thrive, by taking a broad view on welfare and all the factors involved.

The chair in Global Economic Challenges will be part of this multidisciplinary research agenda. The chair will combine a strong background of economics with a genuine interest in global societal challenges, especially those of UGlobe, i.e. human rights, sustainability, security, development, migration and equality. The chair is expected to initiate, create, develop and maintain collaborations with researchers active in other disciplines as diverse as biology, natural sciences, geosciences, history, social sciences, law and psychology. This requires an open and inquisitive mind and a willingness to experiment and explore new avenues and methods in research and academic teaching. Supervision of multidisciplinary research themes on global challenges is therefore a key part of the chair's responsibilities. As the position aims to address real-world global

challenges we also expect the candidate to be willing and able to communicate complex scientific results and insights to a wider audience of policy makers, societal stakeholders and the wider public.

U.S.E. plays an important role in the UU strategic theme of Institutions for Open Societies. This chair is expected to connect the domain of UGlobe to the research programme Institutions for Open Societies.

Profile

We expect that the chair:

- will perform and encourage scientific research in the field of global economic challenges within a multidisciplinary setting;
- will initiate and stimulate research within UGlobe and U.S.E. on topics connecting UGlobe and the strategic research theme Institutions for Open Societies;
- will contribute to the research climate, among others by stimulating and supervising multidisciplinary research;
- will contribute to the financial sustainability, among others by active participation in external funding;
- will participate in education in the U.S.E. Bachelor's and Master's programmes, including the new undergraduate programme Philosophy, Politics and Economics;
- will initiate and actively participate in activities aimed to disseminate academic knowledge to the wider public.



Required competences:

The following profile will be expected of the chair holder:

- A doctorate in the field of economics or business;
- A strong track record in research as demonstrated among others by publications in nationally and internationally recognised journals;
- Research interests in and (proven) experience with a multidisciplinary economics approach to the field of global economic challenges;
- Proven experience as leader of a research group;
- The willingness to put effort into the further development of teaching and research in global economic challenges from a multidisciplinary perspective within Utrecht University;
- A record of achievement in undergraduate and graduate teaching and administration;
- Proven ability to acquire external funding;
- Good communicative skills;
- Fluency in English.

OFFER

We offer a 1,0 fte tenured position in an inspiring and lively academic environment, with enthusiastic and committed colleagues and excellent facilities in Utrecht's historic centre. The monthly salary lies between a minimum of € 5260 en € 7659 gross for a full time contract.

Under the current CAO (Collective Employment Agreement), Utrecht University offers a pension scheme, a holiday allowance of 8% per year, an end-of-year bonus of 8.3% and flexible employment conditions. Conditions are set by the Collective Employment Agreement of the Dutch Universities.

ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

Utrecht University is at the heart of society and has strong ambitions with regard to the quality and success of its programmes. With its distinct research profile in Sustainability, Life Sciences, Dynamics of Youth and Institutions of Open Societies the university aims to contribute to a better understanding of the Netherlands and Europe within an ever changing social and cultural context.

APPLICATION CHAIR IN COMPARATIVE GLOBAL HISTORY

Your application can be uploaded through the link <http://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/working-at-utrecht-university/jobs> from the 25th of August until the 24th of September 2017. Your application should comprise of:

- a letter of motivation
- a CV and a list of publications
- a concise research plan which preferably shows (potential) connection to the

university's research areas

- two course outlines relevant to the position

For further information about the History section, please visit

<https://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/department-of-history-and-art-history>

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<https://www.uu.nl/organisatie/utrecht-university-school-of-economics-use>

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or Prof. Sybe de Vries (academic director UGlobe) (s.a.devries@uu.nl)

Female candidates are encouraged to apply for this position.

Candidate interviews will be held in October 2017.

A trial lecture and assessment may be part of the application procedure.

LIVING AND WORKING IN UTRECHT

The Netherlands

The Netherlands, with a population of over 16 million, is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system. This small nation boasts a wealth of cultural heritage and is famous for its painters, windmills, tulips, clogs and notoriously flat lands. Today, international trade is still the main driver of economic growth. The Netherlands is the sixteenth largest economy in the world and one of the ten leading exporting nations. As a modern European country, it preserves its highly international character and is known for its liberal mentality. As a founding member of the EU and NATO, and host to the International Court of Justice in The Hague, the Netherlands is at the heart of international cooperation. Its small size, welcoming attitude to travellers and many sights make it a unique and fairly easy to discover destination.

About Utrecht

Utrecht is the fourth largest city in the Netherlands with a population of over 330,000. Utrecht's ancient city centre features many buildings and structures several dating as far back as the Early Middle Ages. Utrecht boasts beautiful canals with extraordinary wharf cellars housing cafés and terraces by the water, as well as the famous Dom tower. The city has hundreds of other monuments that each contribute to the special atmosphere in this centuries-old university town. There is also a broad variety of shops and boutiques which line the canals and streets in the inner city. Utrecht Central Station forms the hub of the Dutch rail network, and is easily accessible directly, or with one change of train, from almost every station in the Netherlands. There are direct

connections from Amsterdam and Schiphol Airport (even at night), both taking 30 minutes and for about €8 one-way. The high-speed train ICE to Cologne, Frankfurt and Basel stops in Utrecht and there are also daily night train connections (Euronight/CityNightline) to Berlin, Copenhagen, Prague, Warsaw, Zurich, Munich and Innsbruck (seasonal).

Utrecht has its own International School, the International School Utrecht (ISU). ISU provides a high quality and accessible international learning environment for children from diverse backgrounds. For more information please visit:

<https://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/international-staff-and-guests>

Taxation

Certain categories of international staff can receive tax exemption on approximately thirty per cent of their gross salary. This is to compensate for the extra costs they incur in living abroad, such as having to rent temporary accommodation, etc. In principle, the 30% rule applies to staff who have been expressly recruited from another country in an area of at least 150 km from the Netherlands border and who have worked outside the Netherlands for at least 16 of the past 24 months.

More information

For more information on terms of employment at Utrecht University please see:

<https://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/working-at-utrecht-university/terms-of-employment>