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## **PhD position: *Undisclosed power relations in local democracy* (1,0 fte)**

Vacancy number 207168

### **Information**

The PhD researcher will work on an individual project ‘Undisclosed power relations in local democracy: examining coalitions and implications for social justice’, leading to a doctoral dissertation (supervisors: Dr. Justin Beaumont, Prof. dr. G. de Roo, Prof. dr. P.H. Pellenburg). During the initial stages, the successful candidate will be offered courses in relevant fields and research methods and taught in English. During the remaining period, the PhD student will work on the thesis. Work on the dissertation is carried out under close supervision of URSI fellows and the PhD student is encouraged to present papers at international conferences. On completion of the first year, the results and progress of the PhD student will be assessed and involve a defence of his/ her research proposal. On the basis of this evaluation a decision will be made on the continuation of the project.

### **Entry requirements**

The following are essential pre-requisites for application:

- MA, MSc or MPhil in relevant geographical fields of enquiry and/ or cognate disciplines;
- Proven competencies in and preference for theoretically informed and politically relevant empirical research using qualitative methods;
- Background in debates on any or all of the following: (1) urban governance and politics; (2) state-civil society relations; (3) urban policies/ urban renewal/ social justice coalitions;
- Fluency in English (written and spoken)

### **Conditions**

The PhD fellows will have an employee status and receive a starting salary of approximately 1.900 euro (gross). This salary increases annually to achieve a salary of approximately 2.400 euro (gross) in the fourth year. PhD fellows at URSI are expected to contribute to teaching or other ongoing research. These activities generally occupy on average 15% of the successful candidate's time.

### **Information**

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Consult the URSI website: <http://www.rug.nl/ursi>

## **Organization**

### **Faculty of Spatial Sciences**

The Faculty of Spatial Sciences at the University of Groningen consists of 75 members and focuses on high quality teaching and research in the fields of economic and cultural geography, planning and demography. The Urban and Regional Studies Institute (URSI) was established in 1999 and coordinates all research projects in the faculty. Projects, conducted from the interdisciplinary perspective of geography, planning and demography, focus on the relationship between urban and regional structures and real life processes, on the one hand, and human agency and intervention within urban and regional structures on the other.

### **Applications**

If you are interested in applying, we invite you to do so before **17 October 2007**. Applications should be sent to:

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Afdeling Personeel & Organisatie  
Postbus 72  
9700 AB Groningen  
The Netherlands  
Or e-mail to: [vmp@rug.nl](mailto:vmp@rug.nl)

In addition to this letter, all applicants should complete the PhD application form at the URSI or Graduate School website and send along with the application.