

The Department of Philosophy at the University of Twente in the Netherlands is looking for an

Assistant Professor (full-time) in Ethics or Political Philosophy

with a (future) emphasis on information technology and the information society

Appointment for two years, with prospect of a permanent position

The department is currently expanding with an assistant professor position in ethics and/or political philosophy with a focus on information technology (which may include Internet technology and social media, robotics, artificial intelligence, digital communication technologies, database technologies and other digital technologies) and its impacts on society.

The challenge

You teach ethics and possibly political philosophy in the master program in Philosophy of Science, Technology and Society (PSTS; <https://www.utwente.nl/en/psts/>) and professional and applied ethics and other philosophical subjects for bachelor and master programs in engineering and social science. In particular, you will teach several ethics and philosophy courses for the bachelor programs in computer science, business information technology and creative technology, and the master programmes in computer science, human-media interaction and internet science & technology. Optionally, you could also participate in the University College Twente, an interdisciplinary, highly selective bachelor program with a focus on engineering and social science. You are involved in the supervision of master's theses in the PSTS program and will at some point supervise PhD students in the department's PhD program in Ethics and Technology (the scope of which also includes social and political philosophy).

You perform research in the area of ethics and/or political philosophy, with a focus on the role of information technology in society. We are open to all specialties within this scope. We have a particular interest in candidates who will be able to establish collaborations within CTIT (Centre for Telematics and Information Technology; <https://www.utwente.nl/ctit/>) at the University of Twente. Your research will be embedded in the department's research program as well as in the 4TU.Center of Excellence for Ethics and Technology (www.ethicsandtechnology.eu), a joint center of the departments of philosophy of the University of Twente, Delft University of Technology, Eindhoven University of Technology and Wageningen University which currently counts over sixty members, including twenty-four PhD students.

As part of your research activities, you are also expected to apply for external funding and to engage in international and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Your profile

You hold a Ph.D. in philosophy, preferably with a specialization in ethics or political philosophy. Ideally, you combine your specialization in ethics or political philosophy with a broad understanding of and orientation to philosophy and its various subdisciplines. You have either had a focus on information technology in your past research or you have a demonstrable

interest in focusing on this technology and its implications for society for your future research. You already have an excellent list of publications in peer-refereed journals, and have relevant international experience.

You also have experience in teaching at the university level, preferably including students in science & engineering, social science, or other nonphilosophical fields, and preferably including professional and/or applied ethics/political philosophy. You have demonstrable didactic skills in teaching, good teaching evaluations, and a passion for teaching. You are able and willing to teach in areas of philosophy outside your philosophical specialization, both in philosophy at large and in the philosophy and ethics of technology. You are willing and able to collaborate with researchers and teachers from nonphilosophical disciplines.

You have an excellent command of the English language. All master programs and many bachelor programs at the University of Twente are taught in English, and in the near future, all bachelor programs will be taught in English. English is the official language at departmental meetings. You are prepared to move to the Netherlands, to the region where the University of Twente is located.

Our offer

You are appointed as assistant professor (full-time), for an initial period of two years, with prospects of a permanent position upon good performance. The position is 40% research, which can be expanded by attracting external funding. The department and faculty support excellence and growth in research and teaching. We are committed to supporting your career development and to enabling you to hold positions of responsibility within the organization. The terms of employment are in accordance with the Dutch Collective Labor Agreement for Universities (CAO). Salary is competitive. Initial assistant professor salary is € 3.427,- - € 4.691,- per month, depending on experience. Employees are also entitled to a holiday allowance of 8% of the gross annual salary and an 8.3% end-of-year bonus. Annual salary is € 47827 - € 65466. Starting date is August 2017 (later date negotiable; we opt for the best candidate). We offer excellent auxiliary terms of employment, such as professional and personal development programs; a secondary remuneration package; a dynamic environment with enthusiastic colleagues; an organization focusing on internationalization and a high degree of responsibility and independence.

Job application

Your application should include the following documents:

- a cover letter which explains your interest in the position and your qualifications for it;
- a curriculum vitae which includes the name and e-mail address/telephone number for at least two references. Please give a brief summary of your teaching evaluations in your CV or in a separate note (courses taught and evaluation received) – inclusion of full teaching evaluations is optional at this stage;
- a writing sample (preferably a published article related to the position);
- either a summary and table of contents of your dissertation or the entire dissertation

Applications (including curriculum vitae, list of publications) should be uploaded via www.utwente.nl/vacatures/en > vacancies > current vacancies. The application deadline is April 26th, 2017. Interviews will be held within one week after the deadline. Since only three documents can be uploaded per application, please combine documents if needed. Preferred starting date is August 1st, 2017 (later date negotiable).

Further information

Location: This position is based at the Department of Philosophy, University of Twente

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About the University of Twente

We stand for science and technology, high tech, human touch, education and research that matter. New technology which drives change, innovation and progress in society. The University of Twente (UT) is a research university with a strong international orientation and a focus on science & engineering and social and behavioral sciences. We include more than 3,300 faculty and staff and 9,000 students. Our motto “high tech, human touch” expresses the aim of combining research in engineering with social and behavioral sciences. The University of Twente is the only campus university in the Netherlands; divided over five faculties we provide more than fifty educational programs. The University of Twente has a strong focus on personal development and talented researchers are given scope for carrying out pioneering research. The UT is a campus university, located in the city of Enschede, in the east of the Netherlands. Enschede is a lively city of 150,000, located in beautiful countryside and near spectacular nature areas. It is only two hours away from major European cities like Amsterdam, Cologne and Düsseldorf, three hours from Brussels and less than six hours from Berlin, Paris and London.

The department of philosophy

The department of philosophy at the University of Twente (<https://www.utwente.nl/bms/wijsb/>) is internationally leading in the philosophy and ethics of technology. At a recent research evaluation of philosophy programs in the Netherlands, it ranked highest in the area of ethics and practical philosophy. The department currently includes eight tenured/tenure-track staff members, three postdocs, seven PhD students, and several part-time faculty. The department participates in and directs the interuniversity 4TU.Center for Ethics and Technology (www.ethicsandtechnology.eu). Both the department and the Center have a strong international orientation and include members from many different nationalities. The department's research has a strong focus on ethics of emerging technologies and their impact on society (including information and communication technology and robotics, biomedical and neurotechnologies and environmental technologies), the philosophy and ethics of human-technology relations, and the philosophy of engineering and social science.

Faculty of Behavioural, Management and Social Sciences

The Faculty of Behavioural, Management and Social sciences (BMS) of the University of Twente strives to play a pivotal role in understanding, co-engineering and evaluating innovation in society. Innovation is driven by advances in technology. Through 'social engineering' these technological advances are embedded in society befitting human needs and behaviour, within proper public and private management and business structures. For this the faculty of BMS upholds high quality disciplinary knowledge in psychology, business administration, public administration, communication science, philosophy, educational science and health sciences. All with a focus on the challenges in society. Research is strongly connected to our Institutes on Governance (IGS), ICT (CTIT), Health (MIRA) and Nanotechnology (MESA+).