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1. TENURE TRACK POSITION AT MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY

JEL Classification: A, E

Department of Economics, Maastricht University (The Netherlands)

The department of Economics of Maastricht University is offering a tenure track Assistant Professorship in Monetary Economics.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

He (she) is expected to contribute to teaching (in English) in the area of monetary and macroeconomics in bachelor and in master programmes. Education is performed within small groups according to the Problem Based Learning principle. High quality research is expected in the field of monetary economics.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

The applicant is expected to hold (or to be near completion) a PhD from a recognized institution, and to be motivated by a dynamic team. Additional knowledge in international economics and in quantitative methods would constitute an asset.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

We offer an initial contract for a three-year period and subject to a positive evaluation, followed by a tenured position. Salary is competitive, depending on qualification and work experience, up to the maximum of € 4.027,- per month (12 monthly payments) for a fulltime job. On top of this, there is an 8% holiday allowance. Non-Dutch applicants could benefit of particular tax advantages.

APPLICATIONS AND INFORMATION:

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For further information on working environment and persons to contact, see http://www.fdewb.unimaas.nl/algec/tracks/MB/main_page.htm. Applications should be sent before 15 January 2005 to

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Personnel Department, P.O. Box 616, 6200 MD Maastricht, The Netherlands, and refer to vacancy number AT 2004.091 on both letter and envelope.

INTERVIEWS:

Selected applicants will be invited to an interview in Maastricht.

2. TWO PHD-STUDENTS ON REGULATION OF GAMBLING AT TILBURG UNIVERSITY

The Faculty of Law of Tilburg University has vacancies for two PhD-Students (f/m, 1,0 fte, vacancy number 671.04.37) on Regulation of Gambling, within a Bipartite Research Project on the Economic and Legal Aspects of Regulation of Gambling Markets.

Project information:

Within Europe many economic sectors that used to be characterized by state provision are privatised and liberalised, that is, opened up to competition, e.g. network industries in the fields of energy and telecommunications. Gambling however, frequently still is a reserved government monopoly. This is not justified by arguments of "natural monopoly", but in particular by market failures, a.o. limited control of illegal activities and bounded rationality of consumers. The aim of this bipartite project - which is sponsored by a grant from the "Nederlandse Staatsloterij" in the framework of the chair this age-old lottery established in 2004 at the Faculty of Law - is not only to investigate whether at present exclusive government provision of gambling from an economic viewpoint is justified, but also whether this from a legal viewpoint is still tenable. What are valid arguments to maintain or to abolish state monopolies in the gambling markets? The research will be carried out within the framework of the Schoordijk Institute in close cooperation with the Tilburg Law and Economics Center (TILEC).

Job requirements:

As far as the economic sub-project is concerned the successful candidate is micro economist, with a specialisation in industrial organisation or in law and economics. In relation to the legal sub-project the successful candidate is a jurist with a specialisation in European law. We expect the candidates to do fundamental research that ultimately will also be practically relevant. Their research should lead to a PhD-thesis as well as to publications in international journals. Optional courses and conferences on the regulation of gambling markets are part of the project.

Terms of employment:

Tilburg University is among the top of the Dutch employers and has an excellent policy concerning terms of employment. The selected candidate will get a contract (full-time) as a Ph.D. student, that is entered into for a specified period, namely for one year. After one year there will be an evaluation. When the evaluation is positive, the contract will be extended with three years. The full-time Ph.D. position has a gross monthly salary of € 1.813,- in the first year, increasing to € 2.394,- in the fourth year. The target starting date will be as soon as possible.

Information:

More information about the university and the faculty is available on <http://www.tilburguniversity.nl>. For information regarding the project in general, you can contact Prof. dr. C.J.C.F. Fijnaut, telephone 013 4668306, e-mail: C.J.C.F.Fijnaut@uvt.nl. For information regarding the legal sub-project you can contact prof. dr. P. Larouche, e-mail: Pierre.Larouche@uvt.nl and for information regarding the economic sub-project you can contact prof. dr. E.E.C. van Damme, e-mail: Eric.vanDamme@uvt.nl. Your written application, with CV, can be sent, before January 20, 2005, to Ms. drs. Y. van der Boon, secretary of the appointment committee, Faculty of Law, P.O. Box 90153, 5000 LE, Tilburg. Please mention the vacancy number.

It is the policy of the university to increase the number of women employed. Also members of ethnic minority groups and handicapped people are expressly invited to apply.

3. POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN ECONOMETRICS AT UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

At the Faculty of Economics and Econometrics (FEE) of the Universiteit van Amsterdam (UvA) there are over 3,000 students in the areas of Management, Accounting, Finance, Economics and Econometrics. The Faculty offers research programmes in these areas. The Faculty employs approximately 400 people.

The Department of Quantitative Economics is looking for a

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Econometrics
full-time
job reference code 04-5033

The Faculty of Economics and Econometrics seeks to appoint a Postdoctoral Research Fellow as part of the research programme on the role of Conditional Inference and Small Samples in Econometrics, as described on <http://www1.fee.uva.nl/ke/garderen/ResProgFr.html>.

Requirements

The successful applicant is expected to have completed a PhD in Economics/Econometrics, or from another quantitative field with appropriate affinity with economics.

Appointment

The appointment will be for one year, with a possible extension for another year, commencing as soon as convenient.

The salary is in accordance with the university regulations for academic personnel (Collective Employment Agreement), and will be dependent on the experience and quality of the applicant, with a minimum of 28,239 EUR before tax, up to a maximum of 44,750 EUR (salary scale 10) on a yearly basis, including 8% holiday-allowance.

Other benefits include a good research environment and facilities, including computing equipment and software, conference funding, etc. and possibly some very limited teaching (in English if desired). The university is located in the center of Amsterdam and there is a lively research oriented collegial atmosphere in the Econometrics Department.

Information

For informal inquiries contact Associate Professor K. J. van Garderen on +31 20-525 4220 or E-mail K.J.vanGarderen@uva.nl.

Applications

Interested applicants should send their CV, two letters of reference, a cover letter describing their research interests, and one or two research papers to: c/o Personnel Department, Faculty of Economics and Econometrics, Universiteit van Amsterdam, Roetersstraat 11, 1018 WB Amsterdam, The Netherlands, before 17 December 2004.

4. POSITIONS OF LECTURER/SENIOR LECTURER AT SIDNEY UNIVERSITY

School of Economics and Political Science
Faculty of Economics and Business
Ref No: B47/005416

The School of Economics and Political Science invites applications for two full-time positions to either the Lecturer or Senior Lecturer level, depending upon experience and qualifications. The successful applicants will join a Discipline that teaches a wide variety of courses in econometrics, business statistics and management science, and that has an active research program with considerable success in attracting research funding. Applicants at the Lecturer level will have, or expect to shortly obtain, a PhD from an internationally reputable university, strong research credentials evidenced by existing international publications or a quality current research agenda and the potential to contribute to the teaching program at all levels in the Discipline, including supervision of honours students. Additional essential criteria for appointment at the Senior Lecturer level include an established track record of high quality research publications, strong lecturing skills and the potential to supervise postgraduate research students.

While applications are invited from candidates with research interests in all areas in econometrics and business statistics, applicants whose interests are in the areas of financial econometrics, modern econometric methodology, applied econometrics and micro-econometrics will be highly

regarded. If applicants wish to be considered for appointment only at level B, or only at level C, they should indicate this clearly in their application. Level of appointment and responsibility will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The positions are full-time continuing, subject to the completion of a satisfactory probation and/or confirmation period for new appointees. Membership of a university approved superannuation scheme is a condition of employment for new appointees. For further information, including selection criteria, see:

<http://www.econ.usyd.edu.au/seps/jobs> or contact Associate Professor Michael Smith on (+612) 9351 2787, e-mail: michael.smith@econ.usyd.edu.au or Professor Stephen Nicholas on (+612) 9351 3092, or e-mail: s.nicholas@econ.usyd.edu.au

Remuneration package: \$73,303 - \$87,047 p. a. (which includes a base salary Lecturer Level B \$61,942 - \$73,556 p. a., leave loading and up to 17% employer's contribution to superannuation) Remuneration package: \$89,796 - \$103,447 p. a. (which includes a base salary Senior Lecturer Level C \$75,879 - \$87,493 p. a., leave loading and up to 17% employer's contribution to superannuation)

Note: Appointments in the Discipline are eligible to apply for an annually renewed salary loading, in addition to the package above. This can amount up to 30%, depending on the appointee meeting loadings criteria. Level of appointment and responsibility will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Closing: 3 February 2005

5. CALL FOR PAPERS: CENTRAL BANK TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNICATION:
IMPLICATIONS FOR MONETARY POLICY

The National Bank of Poland, Warsaw, 2 June 2005

As recently as in the second half of the 1980's a popular book on the Federal Reserve System by William Greider was titled "Secrets of the Temple" and indeed it was common practice that monetary policy was surrounded by secrecy. Nowadays, a trend towards greater monetary policy transparency can be observed all over the world and central banks are paying increasing attention to their communication with the general public. Transparency and communication of monetary policy have become topical issues discussed by both policy makers and distinguished academics and they have been the subjects of theoretical and empirical research.

The aim of the conference is to present the current state of knowledge in this field. The conference should also serve as a forum of discussion for academics and central bankers alike. This discussion would help policy makers and guide them in adopting optimal transparency and communication strategies.

Topics of interest include:

1. Measures and indices of central bank transparency: institutional design and market perception.
2. Central bank transparency and communication in theoretical macroeconomic models.
3. Transparency and communication of monetary policy in the world of uncertainty.
4. The costs and benefits of a transparent central bank.
5. The relationship between transparency and credibility of monetary policy.
6. Transparency of central banks and the monetary policy transmission mechanism.
7. Central bank transparency and the effectiveness of monetary policy.
8. The optimal degree of central bank transparency and communication.
9. Central bank transparency and communication and their impact on financial

markets.

10. The degree and role of central bank transparency in emerging markets.
11. The relationship between central bank communication and transparency.
12. Central bank communication and the effectiveness of monetary policy.

We invite theoretical and empirical contributions on these and related topics.

Deadline for paper submission: 1 April 2005

A PDF file containing the paper should be e-mailed to Elzbieta Skrzyszewska-Paczek@mail.nbp.pl Authors will be notified by 1 May 2005.

The Editors of the European Journal of Political Economy agreed to publish a special issue of EJPE on "Central Bank Communication and Transparency" in which conference papers selected through a normal refereeing process will be published.

Organization

The conference program and other information about the conference will be posted on the website of the National Bank of Poland at www.nbp.pl as they become available.

The organizing committee consists of Sylvester Eijffinger, Jakob de Haan and Krzysztof Rybiński.

Questions can be directed to Elzbieta Skrzyszewska-Paczek@mail.nbp.pl or Piotr.Szpunar@mail.nbp.pl

The National Bank of Poland will cover the costs of board and accommodation during the stay in Poland of the authors, who have been invited to present their papers, as well as travel costs. The travel costs include the train or plane ticket to and from Warsaw.

6. CALL FOR PAPERS: 2ND EUROFRAME CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC POLICY ISSUES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Trade, FDI and relocation: challenges for employment and growth in the European Union?
Friday 3 June 2005, Vienna, Austria

CALL FOR PAPERS

The EUROFRAME group of research institutes (CPB, DIW, ESRI, ETLA, IfW, NIESR, OFCE, PROMETEIA, WIFO) will hold its second annual Conference on Economic Policy Issues in the European Union in Vienna in June 2005. The aim of the conference is to debate on economic policy issues relevant in the European context.

The call for papers focuses this year on trade, FDI and relocation: challenges for employment and growth in the European Union? Contributions should address in particular issues related to relocation and foreign outsourcing: how to assess the impact of the relocation/outsourcing processes (definitions and measurement issues)? What is the empirical evidence at the micro and sector levels? Is there a specific challenge in the EU arising from the enlargement? What is the impact of the relocation process at the macroeconomic level (GDP growth, employment)? What is the effect of tax rates on location decisions? How to handle tax competition? Should policy measures (like fiscal incentives, subsidies for unskilled workers, labour market reforms, ...) be introduced at domestic or European levels to counter the effects of globalisation on location decisions?

Submission Procedure

Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail before 21 March to catherine.mathieu@ofce.sciences-po.fr. Abstracts (2 pages) should mention: title of communication, name(s) of the authors, affiliation, corresponding author, e-mail address, address,

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telephone number. The corresponding authors will be informed of the decision of the scientific committee by mid-April.

Full papers should be received by e-mail by 20 May.

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