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**Call for candidates for a full-time position of a post-doctoral researcher  
in the Faculty of History, University of Warsaw  
for the research project NAWA – Profesura Gościnnie:  
“Places, People and Events: Innovative Spatial Humanities Research  
to support Interpretation and Explanation”,  
principal investigator: Prof. Dr. Francis Harvey**

**Duration of employment:** 1 November 2023 – 15 August 2024

**Total gross monthly salary:** ca. 4500 - 5000 PLN

**Name of the position:** adjunct

**Scientific discipline:** history

**Number of posts:** 1 (full-time)

### **I. About the project**

Digital technologies and infrastructure approaches continue to have vast potential following the spatial turn in the humanities, but the humanities face challenges arising with the transition of traditional theory and methods to computationally-based scientific research possibilities. With available digital data, the question ‘Where?’ has now become a meaningful research focus at multiple resolutions and for a wide range of situations and relationships. This research project tackles the limits arising for spatial/temporal research in the digital humanities with the cartographic map’s two-dimensional representations and the absence of concise temporal information. Resolving these challenges involves connecting the tools and methods specific to digital humanities and spatial research with interpretative and explanatory theory and methods in a flexible framework. The pragmatic focus on developing novel integrated toolkits using graph database frameworks supports the integration of *close-reading* and *distance-reading* in hermeneutic interpretative framework and support of geographic, network and diagrammatic visualisations. The project aims to discover new ways to support the discoveries in humanities and social sciences. Drawing on 25 years of GIS-related research and technology development work in Germany and the US, the visiting

professorship of Francis Harvey spearheads innovative new theories, methods and visual-spatial humanities approach for researchers and heritage institutions.

As part of the project implementation, a digital data processing tool will be developed to support an analytical interpretation of historical data, as well as a tool that allows visualization of the interpreted data.

The following tools and programs are being used in the implementation of the project: [Nodegoat](#), [Gephi](#), [CATMA](#), [QGIS](#), and [Neo4j](#).

### **Tasks description:**

- Research work supporting ongoing publications and workshops with cultural heritage institutions;
- Publication of scientific articles considering informational approaches to interpretative historical research;
- Preparing research presentations for conferences or workshops;
- Assisting in organisation of project workshops.

### **Expectations:**

- Research excellence in digital humanities;
- Ability to work with data visualization, semantic modeling, geographic representation, graphDB and quantitative and qualitative historical research methods;
- Knowledge of Polish/European history;
- Proven ability to conduct analysis and synthesize multiple data sources;
- Experience in publishing academic papers;
- Knowledge of historical interpretative research approaches, cartography;
- Experience with spatial humanities software and experience with graph/network analysis;
- Phd in history, cognate field, or independent historical research experience;
- A good command of English;
- Ability and will to work in a team, share research results, timeliness.

### **An additional advantage will be:**

- Good research management skills;
- Experience working on research projects;
- Interest in developing tools within the digital humanities.

### **Selection procedure**

- Application deadline: **2 October 2023**.
- Application results: by **23 October 2023**.
- The application process is conducted by the hiring committee in accordance with the regulations of the University of Warsaw. Shortlisted candidates may be invited for an interview, which will be conducted digitally.
- Candidates will be informed of the results via e-mail. The application process is only the first stage of the employment procedure as defined by the Statute of the University of Warsaw. A successful application is a basis for further proceedings.
- The beginning of employment is possible from 1 November 2023.

**Required documents:**

1. A letter of application (to the Rector of the University of Warsaw).
2. The candidates should meet the conditions set out in the Act of July 20, 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science (i.e. Journal of Laws of 2023, item 742) and the Statute of the University of Warsaw (Resolution No. 443 of the Senate of the University of Warsaw of June 26, 2019, Monitor item 190)A letter of application (to the Rector of the University of Warsaw) – signed [statement](#).
3. Signed GDPR consent statement (“Information on personal data processing”, attached below).
4. A copy of the Ph.D. Diploma or the relevant document.
5. A CV and list of publications, as well as a description of research plans for the upcoming years (in English).
6. Cover letter (in English).
7. An administrative questionnaire (“[Personal questionnaire for the person applying for employment – documentdocx](#)”).
8. Please include in your application the following statement:  
“I am familiar with the conditions of conducting a call for the position of an academic teacher at the University of Warsaw ([Decree No. 106 of the Rector of the UW of 27 September 2019](#), paragraph 1, point 4).”

All documents should be sent by e-mail to the following address: [dziekanat.wh@uw.edu.pl](mailto:dziekanat.wh@uw.edu.pl) under the title: “Konkurs Whist-K-2023-13 postdoc”

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given and family name

## Information on personal data processing

### Controller

Controller of your personal data processed in connection with the recruitment process is the University of Warsaw, ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, 00-927 Warszawa, as the Employer. Contact with the controller:

- by traditional mail at: University of Warsaw, ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, 00-927 Warszawa (name the organizational unit to which your letter is addressed);
- by phone: **22 55 20 355**.

### Data Protection Officer (DPO)

Controller has designated Data Protection Officer whom you may contact via email at [iod@adm.uw.edu.pl](mailto:iod@adm.uw.edu.pl). You may contact the DPO in all matters relating to your personal data processing by the University of Warsaw and the exercise of rights in relation to the processing of personal data. The DPO, however, does not proceed other matters, like handling recruitment procedures, collecting recruitment documents, providing information on current recruitment process.

### Purpose and legal grounds of data processing

Personal data of candidates for employment shall be processed for recruitment purposes only. Your personal data shall be processed in the scope as indicated by employment law<sup>9</sup> (*given name (names) and family name, date of birth, contact information as provided, education, professional qualifications, previous employment*) for the purposes of this recruitment process<sup>10</sup>, whereas other data<sup>11</sup> shall be processed based on your consent which may take the following wording:

*I agree to the processing of personal data provided in..... (e.g. CV, cover letter, and other submitted documents) by the University of Warsaw for realising my recruitment process*

If your documents include data as mentioned in Art. 9 section 1 of the GDPR (special categories of personal data), processing shall be possible upon your consent to processing such data<sup>12</sup>, which may take the following wording:

*I agree to the processing of special categories of personal data, as mentioned in Art. 9 section 1 of the GDPR, provided in (e.g. CV, cover letter, and other submitted documents) by the University of Warsaw*

The University of Warsaw shall be also processing your personal data in future recruitment processes upon your consent<sup>13</sup>, which may take the following wording:

*I consent to processing of my personal data for the purposes of any future recruitment processes at the University of Warsaw for the period of the next nine months*

You may revoke all such consents at any time by, for example, sending an email at [dziekanat.wh@uw.edu.pl](mailto:dziekanat.wh@uw.edu.pl).

<sup>9</sup> Art. 22<sup>1</sup> of the law of June 26, 1974 Labour Code (i.e. Journal of Laws 2019 item 1040 with subsequent changes).

<sup>10</sup> Art. 6 section 1 letter b of the Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council (EU) 2016/679 of April 27, 2016 on protection of individual persons with regard to the personal data processing and on the free flow of such data, and also repealing Directive 95/46/EC (general regulation on data protection) (Official Journal EU L 119 of 04.05.2016, page 1, with subsequent changes) (hereinafter as the GDPR).

<sup>11</sup> Art. 6 section 1 letter a of the GDPR.

<sup>12</sup> Art. 9 section 2 letter a GDPR.

<sup>13</sup> Art. 6 section 1 letter a GDPR.

Be advised that the revocation of your consent does not affect legal compliance of processing which had been completed upon consent before its revocation.<sup>14</sup>

**Data retention period**

Your personal data collected in this recruitment process shall be stored over the period of three months from the date the recruitment process is completed.

In case you agree to process your data in future recruitments, your data shall be used over the period of nine months.

**Data recipients**

Officers authorized by the Controller shall have access to your personal data, the processing of which is in the scope of their duties.

**Data transfer outside the European Economic Area (EEA)**

Your personal data shall be disclosed to subjects authorized by law. Signing-in is through Google Forms. Your personal data may be also processed by our provider of G-Suit for education by Google Company in their data processing centres.<sup>15</sup> Your data shall be protected under the standards of the Privacy Shield, accepted by the European Commission.<sup>16</sup> This shall guarantee an adequate level of data security.

**Rights of the data subject**

Under the GDPR data subjects have the following rights:

- to access data and to receive copies of the actual data;
- to correct (rectify) your personal data;
- to restrict processing of personal data;
- to erase personal data, subject to provisions of Art. 17 section 3 of the GDPR;
- to file a claim with the President of the Personal Data Protection Office, if you believe data processing violates law.

**Information on the requirement to provide data**

Providing your personal data in the scope resulting from law is necessary to participate in the recruitment process. Providing other personal data is voluntary.

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(place and date)

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(applicant’s signature)

<sup>14</sup> Art. 7 section 3 GDPR.

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.google.com/about/datacenters/inside/locations/index.html>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.privacyshield.gov>