

# 2 Postdoctoral positions in Intellectual History at the Department of History

The research project “The Republic of Newsletters: International Republicanism in the Making of Democratic Political Cultures, 1815-1840” invites applications for two 21-month fixed-term postdoctoral position in Intellectual History with a focus on either Latin America or Greece in the time period analysed in the project.

The appointment begins on 1 October 2026 or as soon as possible thereafter. Place of work will be Aarhus University, Jens Chr. Skous Vej 5, 8000 Aarhus C.

The university is keen for its staff to reflect the diversity of society and thus welcomes applications from all qualified applicants regardless of their personal background.

## Research context

We are looking for two innovative researchers with a background in history, philosophy, political theory, or literature preferably with a specialisation in the intellectual history of either Latin America or Greece in the 18th or 19th century.

The Republic of Newsletters seeks to rewrite the history of republicanism and the making of new democratic cultures in the Age of Revolutions by analysing connections and translation networks between four geographic zones that all underwent significant political and social change in the period between 1815 and 1840; namely France, Haiti, Greece, and Gran Colombia. The aim of the project is to understand how different conceptions of a republic and of political participation emerged in the period, and how such conceptions depended on domestic conditions as well as international connections.

The project will focus mainly, though not exclusively, on newspapers and periodicals as its source material. The project will furthermore seek to explore the perspectives of women, (formerly) enslaved people, and working-class people.

The successful applicants are expected to work closely with the project’s principal investigator, Nicolai von Eggers, and to be responsible for empirical research of one of the following two regions: (I) Gran Colombia, (II) Greece.

## The position

The successful applicants are expected to:

- Conduct original empirical research on periodicals in either (a) Gran Colombia, or (b) Greece in the period between 1815 and 1840. Applicants will be expected to work both with digital archives and in situ.
- Be fluent in their language of research and in English. Knowledge of other languages, including French and Haitian Kreyol will be considered an asset.
- Be part of a research team consisting of the PI and the other postdoc that will work both individually and collectively on research questions.
- Publish their findings in English in peer-reviewed journals. Each applicant is expected to first author two articles.
- Co-edit a peer reviewed volume on the topic of the project together with the team.
- Assist with the organization of research workshops and other events related to the project.
- Present their research at international conferences.
- Contribute to grant applications for further research funding related to the project.
- Participate actively, constructively, and kindly in the academic life of the Department of History and the School as a whole.

Applicants must submit:

- A concise statement of motivation for applying for the position (maximum two pages) describing the applicants previous research and how they see their own

**Application Deadline:**  
09 February 2026

**Institute/Faculty:**  
School of Culture and Society

**Faculty:**  
Faculty of Arts

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**Vacant positions:**  
2

**Number of months:**  
21

**Hours per week:**  
37

**Expected date of accession:**  
01/10/2026

current and future research in relation to the aims of the overall research project.

- A CV (maximum one page)
- A full list of publications
- A maximum of two publications
- Documentation of PhD Degree or equivalent qualifications.
- Documentation of language abilities in either Greek or Spanish if the applicant is not a native speaker.

### **Teaching**

If the candidate has experience in teaching digital history, it may be possible to negotiate an extension of the contract in exchange for teaching digital history at the department of history. Any decision in the matter will rely on the approval from the head of the School of Culture and Society.

### **Qualifications**

Applicants for this position must hold a PhD degree in history, philosophy, political science, literary studies, or a related field or document equivalent qualifications.

Professional references or recommendations should not be included. Applicants who are selected for an interview may be asked to provide professional references.

The application must be submitted in English.

The applicant's research activities will be evaluated in relation to the actual research time. We therefore encourage applicants to specify any periods of leave they may have had without research activities (e.g., maternity/paternity leave), so we can subtract these periods from the span of their academic career when evaluating their productivity.

For further information about the position, please contact [nicolaivoneggers@cas.au.dk](mailto:nicolaivoneggers@cas.au.dk)

For further information about the application procedure, please contact HR supporter Gerd Bech Thomsen ([gebeth@au.dk](mailto:gebeth@au.dk))

### **The work environment**

Researchers at the Department of History work thematically with projects related to the three topics of power, representation and political culture. They employ a wide range of approaches to their field, drawing on perspectives from history, political science, anthropology, sociology and cultural science.

### **The School of Culture and Society**

The School of Culture and Society comprises strong academic environments within Anthropology, Archaeology & Heritage Studies, Philosophy & History of Ideas, Global Studies, History & Classical Studies, Culture, Cognition and Computation, the Study of Religion and Theology. The school provides education to undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students, fostering a strong foundation in academic excellence, interdisciplinary perspectives, and critical thinking.

The School of Culture and Society is a dynamic research institution dedicated to the comprehensive study of cultural and social conditions. Our research explores the relationship between humanity and its environments, including nature, technology, and theology, spanning from prehistoric times to the present and encompassing both local and global perspectives. We aim to be a driving partner in collaborations which, across sectors and disciplines, contribute to research development and answer significant societal questions. In research and education, we work to actively put human and cultural science into action in relation to partners outside the university.

The School is committed to the following objectives:

- Fostering an international environment characterized by strong academic and interdisciplinary collaboration.
- Embracing an innovative and experimental approach to research, teaching, and communication.

- Cultivating a school that both generates knowledge and educates students for the present and future.
- Advancing a broad engagement with digital humanities.
- Upholding a strong commitment to both local and global societal challenges.
- Creating an inclusive, diverse, and sustainable workplace and organization.

Read more about the school here [School of Culture and Society - Aarhus University](#)

### International applicants

International applicants are encouraged to check [Family and work-life balance in Denmark \(au.dk\)](#) and [Attractive working conditions \(au.dk\)](#) for further information about the benefits of working at Aarhus University and in Denmark, including healthcare, paid holidays and, if relevant, maternity/paternity leave, childcare and schooling. Aarhus University offers a broad variety of services for international researchers and accompanying families, including a [Relocation and onboarding services for international AU staff](#) and career counselling for expat partners. For information about taxation, see [Taxation aspects of international researchers' employment by AU](#).

### Qualification requirements

Applicants should hold a PhD or equivalent academic qualifications.

### Formalities

The Faculty of Arts refers to the Ministerial Order on the Appointment of Academic Staff at Danish Universities ([the Appointment Order](#)).

- Appointments shall be in accordance with the collective labour agreement between the Danish Ministry of Finance and the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations.
- Further information on qualification requirements and job content may be found in the [Memorandum on Job Structure for Academic Staff at Danish Universities](#).
- Further information on the application and supplementary materials may be found in [Application Guidelines](#).
- The application must outline the applicant's motivation for applying for the position, attaching a curriculum vitae, a teaching portfolio, a complete list of published works, copies of degree certificates and examples of academic production (**mandatory, but no more than two examples**). Please upload this material electronically along with your application.

Aarhus University also offers a junior researcher development programme targeted at career development for postdocs at AU. You can read more about it here: <https://talent.au.dk/junior-researcher-development-programme/>

If nothing else is noted, applications must be submitted in English. The application deadline is at 11.59 pm Danish time (same as Central European Time) on the deadline day.

Aarhus University's ambition is to be an attractive and inspiring workplace for all and to foster a culture in which each individual has opportunities to thrive, achieve and develop. We view equality and diversity as assets, and we welcome all applicants.

Shortlists may be prepared with the candidates that have been selected for a detailed academic assessment. A committee set up by the head of school is responsible for selecting the most qualified candidates. See this link for further information about shortlisting at the Faculty of Arts: [shortlisting](#)

### Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts is one of five main academic areas at Aarhus University.

The faculty contributes to Aarhus University's research, talent development, knowledge exchange and degree programmes.

With its 700 academic staff members, 200 PhD students, 9,000 BA and MA students, and 1,500 students following continuing/further education programmes, the faculty constitutes a strong and diverse research and teaching environment.

The Faculty of Arts consists of the School of Communication and Culture, the School of Culture and Society and the Danish School of Education. Each of these units has strong academic environments and forms the basis for interdisciplinary research and

education.

The faculty's academic environments and degree programmes engage in international collaboration and share the common goal of contributing to the development of knowledge, welfare and culture in interaction with society.

Read more at [arts.au.dk/en](https://arts.au.dk/en)

*The application must be submitted via Aarhus University's recruitment system, which can be accessed under the job advertisement on Aarhus University's website.*

**Aarhus University**

*Aarhus University is an academically diverse and research-intensive university with a strong commitment to high-quality research and education and the development of society nationally and globally. The university offers an inspiring research and teaching environment to its 38,000 students (FTEs) and 8,300 employees, and has an annual revenues of EUR 935 million. Learn more at [www.international.au.dk/](https://www.international.au.dk/)*