

Research contract in medieval history

Post-doctoral or category A contract (Research Engineer level) open only to contract staff (M/F) - Full time

Starting date:	1 April 2024
Duration of contract:	48 months
Place of work:	Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, LAMOP (UMR 8589)
Type of contract:	Post-doctoral fixed-term contract (article L. 412-4 of the French Research Code) or category A fixed-term contract (Research Engineer level) open only to contract staff.
Remuneration:	depending on the candidate's experience and the salary scales in force at Paris 1.

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Job profile

This contract is part of the ECOMED project. Mediterranean Economies in the Late Middle Ages (ca. 1350- ca. 1500): crises, reconstructions, restructurations (ANR-23-CE27-ECOMED), funded by the French National Research Agency for the period 2024-2028.

The ECOMED project is a winner of the ANR's 2023 generic call for projects (AAPG-PRC collaborative research project) and is supported by Casa de Velázquez (EHEHI, Madrid). It encompasses two research contracts, one in medieval archaeology and one medieval history (here), which will have to collaborate. It is coordinated by Cédric Quertier, a CNRS research fellow and member of the LAMOP laboratory (Laboratoire de Médiévisique Occidentale de Paris) and brings together some forty researchers from France (CNRS, univ. Paris 1 and AMU), Spain (CSIC, univ. Barcelona, Lérida, Saragossa), Italy (univ. Milan, Rome 2, Cagliari), England and Greece, specialising in the study of Mediterranean worlds from an intercultural perspective. The project is based on the observation of a divergence between the historiographies of Northern Europe and the Mediterranean regions. It aims to bring together and connect historical, archaeological and palaeo-environmental data to build a common frame of reference for the academic world interested in the economic transformations of the late Middle Ages. Over a period of 48 months, it will study aspects such as responses to environmental changes on both sides of the sea; the diversification and commercialisation of agricultural and craft production; the use of raw materials and the movement of goods; the adaptation of institutions and states, as well as the conflicts structuring the period and the area; it will also examine the place of the Mediterranean in the economy of the late Middle Ages. It

aims at understanding how the economic dynamics of the Mediterranean at the end of the Middle Ages were redefined by changes both in the environment and in human activities, and by their constant interactions. To this end, the beneficiary of this research contract will contribute to building and filling a relational database focusing on the harvesting, consumption and marketing of living products (cereals, livestock products, wood, textile products). The products will be selected because of their wide distribution (at local, regional and Mediterranean levels), their marked environmental and spatial impact, and because they account for a significant proportion of economic activities. The person recruited will thus help to bring together the information available in the published literature relating to written, archaeological and palaeo-environmental data providing information on the economy and human activities.

Job description

The person recruited will be an integral part of the ECOMED project team, which he/she will strengthen and help to lead. He/she will be responsible for the following tasks, with the help of the program members:

- Collecting and contributing to bibliographical research (works, published sources, published data) in order to draw up an inventory of available sources of information;
- Contributing to the development of the database in conjunction with the members of the group;
- Collecting and entering information on living products (cereals, wood, livestock products, etc., whether raw or processed) from written (published or unpublished), archaeological and palaeo-environmental documents into the database, based on work already published;
- Helping to incorporate the information gathered into the program's databases (dedicated database, GIS, Zotero Group bibliography);
- Communicating, making available to group members and saving data in accordance with the ECOMED project's data management plan.
- Contributing to the material and scientific organisation of scientific events, in conjunction with the ECOMED project coordinators;
- Publication of data papers, interim articles and contribution to review studies.

Qualifications and skills

- Diploma required

The person recruited must have defended (at the latest at the time of taking up the post) a doctoral thesis in history, archaeology or another discipline in the humanities and social sciences in line with the scientific skills required above.

- Scientific skills

The post requires a good command of Latin. Mastery of vernacular languages of the late Middle Ages and the ability to understand works published in international literature (English, French, Italian, Spanish, etc.) will be considered an asset.

- Technical skills

The person recruited should have a good knowledge and experience of digital research tools, in particular relational databases and current spatial analysis tools (GIS).

- Interpersonal skills

Organised and methodical, the person recruited should be able to work independently but also have a good aptitude for teamwork. Experience of collective projects with local, national or European funding will be considered an asset.

- Language skills

Fluency in English is essential, particularly if knowledge of French, Italian or Spanish - which will be the languages of communication and drafting that the working group may use - is not sufficient.

Working environment and supervision

The history researcher recruited will be attached to the LAMOP.

The LaMOP (UMR 8589 / CNRS - Université de Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne; <https://lamop.pantheonsorbonne.fr>), set up in 1998, is a unit specialising in the study of the history of the Middle Ages and whose research activities cover the whole of this period and the whole of the West (with researchers working in present-day France but also in the British Isles, the Iberian Peninsula, Italy and Germany). The laboratory is also characterised by its multidisciplinary approach to the Middle Ages. Its identity lies in a historical practice that combines the sciences of scholarship with the humanities and social sciences, all accompanied by a strong and well-established IT component. The laboratory's international dimension and the multiplicity of its foreign partners are intrinsically linked to the comparative approach to the issues it seeks to promote. Today, the LaMOP has some 72 researchers, lecturers and doctoral students (historians, archaeologists, Latinists), administrative and technical staff and associate members (see the unit directory). It is based in various locations, both at the Sorbonne and on the Condorcet Campus. Links with the Pôle Informatique de Recherche et d'Enseignement de l'Histoire (PIREH, <https://recherche-pireh.pantheonsorbonne.fr/pireh>) are possible.

The person recruited will work mainly under the responsibility of the coordinators for workpackage 1 "Typology and inventory of sources" and workpackage 2 "Environmental challenge and social resilience", Cédric Quertier (research fellow, CNRS, LAMOP UMR 8589) and Laurent Feller (professor emeritus, Paris 1, LAMOP). The person will also be in regular contact with the other members of the program, in particular Dominique Valérien (Professor, Paris 1, Orient et Méditerranée), Ingrid Houssaye Michienzi (Research Fellow, CNRS, Orient et Méditerranée) and Raúl Estangüi Gómez (CCHS, CSIC), Pauline Guéna (Research Fellow, CNRS, TELEMME), Mohamed Ouerfelli (MCF, AMU, IREMAM), coordinators for the French part of the ECOMED program consortium, as well as colleagues from the universities of Barcelona, Lérida, Saragossa, Cagliari, Milan and Rome 2.

Constraints and risks

The person recruited will be provided with an office on the LAMOP premises and a laptop equipped with the software needed to carry out the program. He/she will be subject to the rules inherent in the operation of these laboratories (internal regulations). For the duration of the contract, it will be essential for the researcher to be based in a major university center where he or she can carry out the necessary archival and bibliographic research, attend all the research group meetings (twice a year) and be available by videoconference for regular coordination meetings.

Apply at

Applications should be sent to cedric.quertier@gmail.com or cedric.quertier@univ-paris1.fr by 5 January at the latest.

The application file must include in a single PDF document:

- 1) a copy of an identity document ;
- 2) the doctoral diploma;
- 3) the thesis defence report or equivalent;
- 4) a letter of motivation (in French, Italian, Spanish or English) of no more than 3 pages / 10,000 characters (including spaces), stating the applicant's past research and experience and the way in which he or she will be involved in the ECOMED project;
- 5) a detailed CV (in French, Italian, Spanish or English), including the academic curriculum and any list of publications;

Applications will be examined by members of the project steering committee. If necessary, an interview will be organised by videoconference during the 4th or 5th week of January 2024. Contact: Cédric Quertier: cedric.quertier@gmail.com; cedric.quertier@univ-paris1.fr