

THE LORRAINE UNIVERSITY IS RECRUITING JUNIOR PROFESSORSHIP CHAIR

Present throughout Lorraine (the two metropolises of Metz and Nancy and 10 towns and conurbations in the region), the Lorraine University, which has been awarded the HR Excellence in Research ([HRS4R](#)), label since 2017, places its expertise at the service of knowledge production and sharing. Committed to raising the level of education of its citizens, it relies on an intensive research dynamic (I-Site Lorraine Université d'Excellence perpetuated in 2021), both fundamental and applied.



62000 students



+ de 7100 employees



+ de 4000
research lecturer or
lecturing and research
personnel



60 laboratories
and 43 training
centers



A budget of nearly
€682m

Decree n° 2021-1710 of 17 December 2021 relating to the junior professorship contract provided for by article L. 952-6-2 of the Education Code and Body in which the person concerned is destined to be appointed: University Professor.

Decree n° 2021-1710 of 17 December 2021 relating to the junior professorship contract provided for by article L. 952-6-2 of the Education Code and by article L. 422-3 of the Research Code.

Working time : 100%	CNU Section : 15, 76, 77, 21
Publication profile (title of the contract and the position concerned) :	Starting date: no later than 12/31/2024
Contemporary theologies of islam (TheoContis)	
Department/University : Theology department, University of Lorraine	Location: UFR SHS - Metz - Ile du Saulcy - 57000 Metz
Laboratory : Center of Research Écritures (UR 3943)	Location: Espace Rabelais - Ile du Saulcy - 57000 Metz

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Job profile

Job profile (maximum two-line summary of the profile in English) :

The Department of Theology and the Centre de Recherche Écritures (UR 3943) are recruiting a Junior Professor in Contemporary Theologies of Islam with a reputation for excellence in research and teaching. The scientific objective of the Chair is to develop knowledge of contemporary theologies of Islam and their relationship with the social contexts in which they originate and develop. The Chair will work in synergy with the incumbent Koran specialist, and will be part of the UFR SHS-Metz project to develop the Islamology and prevention of radicalization cluster.

Euraxess research fields (see coding table in the annexed documents) :

Cultural Studies : Arabic Studies
Cultural Studies : Islamic Studies
History : History of religions
Religious Sciences : Comparative religion
Religious Sciences : Non-Christian religion
Religious Sciences : Theology

Nature and purpose of the research project : Contemporary theologies of islam

Nature and purpose of the proposed teaching project : Contemporary theologies of Islam in the digital age

Partners :

Associated funding amount : 200 000 Euros

Anticipated contract duration: 5 years

Teaching profile: contemporary theologies of islam in the digital age

The Department of Theology at the University of Lorraine is recruiting a Junior Professor in the field of contemporary theologies of Islam with an excellent record of scientific research, teaching and societal impact.

Since 2018, the Department of Theology at the University of Lorraine has been reorienting itself in the direction of a plural theology in which the theology of Islam has its rightful place. This reorientation is part of the UFR SHS Metz's commitment to the issues of radicalization and violence. It corresponds to an essential questioning of the place of religion in democratic societies. It is in this context and this new dynamic that the candidate will have to develop and co-lead within the department the field of contemporary theology of Islam, in connection with new technologies, in particular digital humanities.

The candidate must be able to teach at Licence and Master level, in the DU "Religions-laïcité-inclusion sociale", and may also, on request, intervene on an ad hoc basis in the Prefecture Zone de Défense (CAPRAVI - radicalization prevention program).

Non-French-speaking applicants are welcome and encouraged, but to qualify for tenure the candidate must be able to give all courses in French by the end of the first year.

He/she will

- master one or more theological currents of classical and contemporary Islam in their original languages;
- have particular competence in the historical, social and/or philosophical approach to Islamic currents, as well as knowledge of contemporary theological issues in the context of intercultural societies;
- demonstrate significant teaching experience, an innovative vision of pedagogy and distance learning, and mastery of associated IT tools;
- help raise the department's profile both nationally and internationally;
- will eventually take on administrative responsibilities within the department.

Mastery of IT tools related to digital humanities is an asset.



Department/University : Theology Department

Keywords : Islamic theology, history of religions, social science, e-learning

Research profile: Contemporary theologies of islam

The person recruited will aim to develop knowledge of contemporary Islamic theologies within the framework of a plural approach that will enable the angles of analysis and fundamental concepts to be renewed within the current scientific debate.

The laboratory is looking to recruit a researcher of high scientific standing in contemporary Islamic theologies, demonstrating dynamism in terms of international influence, peer-reviewed publications in the field of Islamic studies, Islamic theology, or related languages and disciplines. He/she will participate in the team's multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research activities.

He/she will

- master one or more theological currents of classical and contemporary Islam in their original languages;
- have the historical and theological skills needed to study the links between theological discourses and the political powers of the countries in which they originated, in order to assess their possible propaganda impact, and to measure the relationship between these "official" discourses and others with which they are interwoven or, on the contrary, which they contradict (notably complotism).

He/she will demonstrate

- an ability and willingness to create and strengthen interdisciplinary collaborations with colleagues from other disciplines in the humanities and social sciences;
- a relevant national and international network, as demonstrated, for example, by participation in national and international conferences and research projects;
- a willingness to disseminate its research and teaching to a wide audience, and to link its field of expertise with contemporary societal and cultural issues;

Within the Laboratory, the candidate will be able to publish in a foreign language, and will demonstrate compatibility with the central research themes of *Écritures*, namely an interdisciplinary dialogue between literature, theology, the arts and philosophy.

He/she will be encouraged to strengthen his/her national and international network, and will set up (or participate in) national research projects, whether with institutional partners such as the Ministry of the Interior (Bureau central des cultes) or the Prefecture, but also ANR and European projects (ERC, Marie Skłodowska-Curie, etc.).

Laboratory name: Center of research *Écritures* (UR 3943)

Keywords: islams, theology and society, religions and democracy, theology and radicalization, discourse and counter-discourse,

Additional information

- Requirements for applicants:
 - Hold a doctorate or an equivalent degree (upon recognition by UL Scientific Committee).

In addition, it is recommended:

- To have completed at least 3 years of scientific activity after the PhD thesis.
- For holders of a doctorate in France, to have a significant experience of mobility abroad (at least two years).

- The list of supporting documents to be attached to the application:

Your application file, consisting of the application form entered online, must include the following items:

- An official identity document with a photography;
- A document certifying that you hold a PhD, or an equivalent degree (whose equivalence must be recognized by the University of Lorraine Scientific Committee);
- The PhD examination report, or a certificate from the institution stating that no examination report has been drawn up;
- An analytical presentation of the works, books, articles, achievements and activities related to the profile of the Junior Professorship Chair tenure-track position in question, mentioning those that the candidate intends to present at the audition;
- A copy of each of the works, books, articles and achievements mentioned in the analytical presentation and which the candidate intends to present at the audition, not exceeding six documents.

Administrative documents written in whole or in part in a foreign language must be accompanied by a translation into French, the conformity of which the candidate certifies on his or her honor. The translation of the analytical presentation is compulsory and the works, books, articles and achievements in a foreign language must be accompanied by a summary in French. Otherwise, the application will be declared inadmissible.

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Candidates who are or have been for less than eighteen months a teacher-researcher at a level equivalent to that of the post to be filled, in a higher education institution in a country other than France, must indicate this status.

Applications must be submitted on the Galaxie platform (FIDIS module) according to the calendar available on the University of Lorraine website.

Any application incomplete by the above-mentioned deadline will be declared inadmissible.

Only those candidates who have been selected by the recruitment committee on the basis of their applications will be invited to the audition.

*When searching for positions, Junior Professorships will be distinguished from others by the recruitment article (CPJ).

How auditions are organized

- The audition of candidates by the selection committee may include a work placement (decree no. 84-431 of June 6, 1984), in the form of a lesson or research presentation seminar. This experience is not open to the public.

Professional situation:

yes (with public audition yes no) no

- The position for which you are applying is likely to be located in a “restricted area” within the meaning of article R 413-5-1 of the penal code. If this is the case, your appointment and/or assignment can only take place after authorization of access issued by the head of the establishment, in accordance with the provisions of article 20-4 of decree n°84-431 of 6 June 1984.

Joining the Lorraine University, means sharing it's values and benefiting from its working conditions

- **Our commitments, our values** : In 2016, the Lorraine University adopted a charter of values based on universality, creativity, reflexivity, solidarity and responsibility.
- **Our working conditions** : The Lorraine University has taken a number of steps to prevent psychosocial risks (appointing an occupational psychologist, setting up awareness-raising initiatives, introducing warning and listening systems). It was also a pioneer in the introduction of teleworking, which it continues to develop.
- **Dayli support** : Throughout your career at the Lorraine University, employees are supported by the institution in their professional lives (occupational health, disability). The university also offers its staff a range of assistance and support services designed to promote work-life balance and personal fulfilment. A social assistance service is also available to university staff to help them deal with difficult situations.
- **Equality - Diversity - Inclusion** : The Lorraine University Since 2015, the Group has developed a comprehensive equality - diversity - inclusion policy that goes beyond the framework of gender equality in the workplace, taking into account discrimination that goes beyond gender and adding six criteria: age, gender identity, sexual orientation, origin, religion and disability.
- **Attractiveness and cultural offering** : The Lorraine University offers a wide range of cultural, sporting and leisure activities to all its employees: more than 70 sporting activities are available, and there are venues dedicated to cultural activities (including the Espace Bernard-Marie Koltès - Conventional Stage of National Interest). Every year, more than 500 different cultural events are held throughout the region.

Department/University

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