



## PhD Vacancy in Development and Food Policy

LICOS - Centre for Institutions and Economic Performance at the Faculty of Business and Economics, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, is looking out for strong candidates for PhD positions in Food Policy, Development and related fields under the supervision of Prof. J. Swinnen. Field work in any of the geographic regions of focus (Eastern Europe, China, India, Africa) is possible. Right now, we are especially looking out for candidates with an interest in working on issues related to factor markets in Eastern Europe, as well as the EU Common Agricultural Policy, in close collaboration with major international policy institutions such as the European Commission, OECD, FAO and World Bank.

### Selection Criteria

- University degree in (agricultural) economics
- Strong analytic and technical capabilities
- Proficiency in statistical and econometric methods
- Fluency in spoken and written English

### About LICOS

LICOS is a research centre of Excellence at the Faculty of Business and Economics that focuses on theoretical and empirical research of macro- and micro-economic aspects of transition, institutional changes and economic performance. LICOS belongs to the 12 “Centres of Excellence” of K.U. Leuven. The research at LICOS is organized around four main research themes, each under the auspices of a Research Director:

- Development and Food Policy (Prof. J. Swinnen)
- Labour Markets and Industrial Restructuring (Prof. J. Konings)
- Market Structure and Performance (Prof. P. Van Cayseele)
- International Trade and Fiscal Policy (Prof. Hylke Vandenbussche)

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### PhD Program at the Faculty

The research project will allow the student to simultaneously pursue a PhD in (Applied) Economics. The University of Leuven (KUL) has an extensive Ph.D. program: about 160 researchers are currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Applied Economics/Business studies or PhD in Economics. Usually, a PhD program takes 4 years, with the first year including important course work in advanced economics.

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### How to Apply

Candidates must send their curriculum vitae (including course results), together with a statement outlining expression of interest in the position, to [licosjobs@econ.kuleuven.be](mailto:licosjobs@econ.kuleuven.be) before March 12<sup>th</sup>. There is no application form.