

Part-Time Lecturer in Political Theory

New York University (NYU) Berlin is seeking a part-time lecturer to teach an undergraduate course in *Political Theory* in the Spring 2014 semester.

NYU Berlin is one of New York University's eleven global study-away sites and provides American and other international students with the opportunity to spend one or two semesters studying in Berlin while earning credits towards their degree. The program is designed for BA students in the social sciences, arts and humanities who want to earn credit in their major - including sociology, history, politics, art, art history, German, European studies, and environmental studies - while having a transformative experience abroad. Most courses are taught in English and take place in the academic center located within the complex of the KulturBrauerei in Berlin, Prenzlauer Berg. The program size is 70-100 students per semester.

Position

NYU Berlin has created a study abroad program of exceptional quality for its students. We are seeking a part-time lecturer for the Spring 2014 semester (end of January till mid-May) for the course *Political Theory*. The course is an introduction to the history of political theory, covering many of the great texts of the Western tradition. Students learn how these texts raise important questions about the nature of individual rights, the roots of government authority, the circumstances of legitimate revolution, the justification of religious tolerance, and the meaning of political ideals such as liberty, equality, and justice. Despite the age of some of the texts covered in the class, the purpose of the course is not exclusively historical. Instead, students are to appreciate that part of the reason that these texts are widely seen as classics is because they continue to shape, inform, and challenge the analysis of current political phenomena. The course is to show that through the categories created and clarified by these thinkers we still conceptualize, understand, and assess our political lives. Examples of syllabi from previous semesters are available on the NYUB website. The course meets once per week for 2 hours 45 minutes on a fixed day (preferably on Mondays, 5pm to 7.45pm). The sessions are a mixture between lecture and seminar.

Requirements for Interested Candidates

- Doctorate in a relevant discipline.
- Record of research and publications in the field.
- A minimum of three years teaching experience at university level.
- Applicants should be EU nationals or currently hold a German work permit covering the entire period of the lectureship.
- Preference will be given to candidates who have studied in the US and/or have international teaching experience.

Terms and conditions will be discussed with the successful applicant.

Applications - in the form of a C.V., a statement addressing the candidate's teaching and research interests, and a draft syllabus with 14 sessions (all in English), as well as any available references and student evaluations - should be sent by **November 29th** via e-mail to Dr. Gabriella Etmektsoglou (ge377@nyu.edu) and Dr. Roland Pietsch (rp99@nyu.edu).