We are seeking a **full-time, fully-funded PhD researcher (4 years)** to work on the project ‘EU diplomacy in the current international regime complex on climate change’.

**Research project**

The project will study the international climate diplomacy of the EU in the entirety of global institutions dealing with climate change. In the last decade, the institutional architecture of global climate governance, which is the setting in which the EU conducts its climate diplomacy, has fundamentally changed. Not only did we witness shifts in the international power balances, but we also saw the emergence of a growing number of international institutions dealing with climate change. They collectively constitute the international regime complex on climate change.

The emergence of an international regime complex alters the context in which the EU conducts its diplomatic activities. The EU now has to address the entirety of the regime complex, which offers opportunities to link negotiation dynamics in one international institution to negotiation dynamics in other international institutions. **The objective of this project is to analyse the EU's climate diplomacy in the context of the entire international regime complex on climate change.**

The research project is funded by the Fund for Scientific Research (Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS). The successful candidate is expected to develop the project under the supervision of [Prof. Tom Delreux](mailto:tom.delreux@uclouvain.be).

**Profile**

- You hold a master's degree in political science, international relations, public administration, European studies or a related discipline.
- You have obtained your degree not earlier than 2016 or you will have obtained it in June 2019 at the latest.
- You have received excellent grades.
- You have a keen interest in EU external relations and/or global climate governance.
- You are capable of autonomously conducting original research as well as working in a team.
- You are fluent in English (written and spoken). Basic knowledge of French is an asset.
- Prior knowledge on the empirical field of study and experience with process-tracing and/or systematic text analysis are an asset.
- You are expected to base yourself in Belgium to work at the UCLouvain campus in Louvain-la-Neuve.
Offer

- We offer a 4 year full-time appointment as PhD researcher.
- You will conduct your research in the stimulating research environment of the Institut de sciences politiques Louvain-Europe and you will have the opportunity to spend a study period abroad.
- Office space and equipment will be provided along with a budget for travelling, field work and other research-related expenses.
- Remuneration will be according to standard salary levels for PhD researchers in Belgium (approximately 1900 EUR/month after taxes, including retirement and health benefits).
- You will start at the earliest on 1 May 2019 and at the latest on 1 July 2019.

How to apply?

- Submit your application by email to tom.delreux@uclouvain.be as one pdf file, including:
  - letter of motivation
  - CV
  - transcripts of academic grades
  - two academic papers (course papers, theses, academic publications) demonstrating your capacity to conduct empirical research
  - the contact information of two references (including email, phone number and relationship to the applicant).
- The deadline for submitting your application is 3 April 2019.
- Selected candidates will be invited for an interview in Louvain-la-Neuve on 24, 25 or 26 April 2019.
- Questions should be directed to tom.delreux@uclouvain.be.

Further information

- For more information on the facilities and benefits of employment at the UCLouvain, please visit https://jobs.uclouvain.be.
- For more information on pursuing a PhD at the UCLouvain, please visit https://uclouvain.be/en/research/phd-training.html.
- For more information on the Institut de sciences politiques Louvain-Europe, please visit https://uclouvain.be/en/research-institutes/ispole.