

Doctoral student in History

Long-term social costs of adverse conditions occurring in early life in the 19th century populations on the example of the city of Poznan

A fully funded position (4 years) as PhD candidate in historical demography (PhD in History). Applicants should have a relevant MSc degree (demography, history, economics, sociology, statistics). Applicants should have strong interests in topics concerning Family Life Course, Population/ Family Dynamics, Social Mobility.

The position is linked to the project funded by the National Centre of Science:

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The workplace is in the Institute of Human Biology and Evolution, Faculty of Biology, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań

Brief information about the University you will find at the AMU webpage:

http://international.amu.edu.pl/about_amu/history/

Applicant's general competence:

- ability to work with historical databases and data management
- ability to work with historical sources
- knowledge of historical demography methods
- good statistical and econometric knowledge
- skills in quantitative analysis (ability in statistical programming, R software is welcomed)
- relevant educational background in historical demography, history, economics, geography, statistics.
- strong interests in topics concerning Family Life Course, Population/ Family Dynamics, Social Mobility
- ability and high self-motivation capability to perform scientific work
- a good level of English is required in both written and oral communication.

PhD student will conduct an innovative work on how extreme conditions in early life influenced social mobility of the Poznań society in the past. A candidate will participate in all tasks related to the topic "*Long-term social costs of adverse conditions occurring in early life in the 19th century populations on the example of the city of Poznań*" (PI: Grażyna Liczbińska). A PhD candidate will work with historical databases, reconstruct individual histories of families, process database for the purpose of the project, conduct analysis of changes in demographic and economic indices over time, model demographic rates with the use of social and economic indices, estimate an individual's SES at birth and in adulthood and early life conditions. A PhD student will prepare and write a PhD dissertation.

Short project description

The main aim of the project is to investigate the long-term social consequences of adverse conditions experienced in early life by society in historical times. The project assumes that negative health outcomes in adulthood, which were the consequence of adverse conditions influencing human body in early life, may constitute a certain obstacle/limitation in achieving social advancement in adulthood. The living conditions in early life could weaken social mobility, understood as an intergenerational change in socio-economic status (social attainment), which an individual would experience through marriage or through occupational advancement (occupational/military career). The goal of the project will be achieved with the use of a model population, represented by the population of Poznań residents from the 1840s to the end of the 19th century. The project is interdisciplinary in nature, making use of methods from historical demography, economic history and human population biology. Various historical sources will be used in the project. Demographic events will be examined on the basis of parish registers, while economic data will be collected from Prussian statistics. The project will use longitudinal individual-level data from reconstructed histories of 2,000 people, which will allow to trace an individual's life from birth to adulthood (marriage/death) and capture the social changes occurring in his or her life through marriage and/or acquired profession. Socioeconomic status (SES) of an individual at birth and in adulthood will be reconstructed. Intergenerational changes in social status between parents and their adult children will be compared. Critical stages of development will be represented by the year of conception (a proxy for early fetal period), the year at birth (a proxy for late fetal period), and the year of turning 3 (a proxy for early childhood). The results of the project take into consideration the context of political, social and economic changes in Poznań between the 1840s to the end of the 19th century. Special attention will be paid to the following events from the history of the city: the Greater Poland Uprising, religious riots (1845), famine (1847), craftsmen's strike (1869), epidemics, floods (1850, 1855, 1888, 1889), etc. The research results will be an important step in understanding a relationship between social costs in adulthood, understood as the attainment of social (and economic) position through marriage and occupation, and adverse conditions in the earliest stages of life.

Salary conditions:

Ph.D. scholarship: 5000 PLN/month during 24 months, then the amount will increase to 6000 PLN/ month (the last two years).

Workplace: Institute of Human Biology and Evolution, Faculty of Biology, Faculty of Biology, Uniwersytetu Poznanskiego 6, 61-614 Poznan.

Date of beginning of the doctoral course: 01.10.2021.

Maximum scholarship duration: 4 years.

Additional information

The candidate will have the opportunity to complete a six-month internship abroad financed by the National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA). The candidate is obliged to obtain the doctoral degree within 12 months from the completion of the project, i.e. by September 30, 2026.

The application should contain:

- Personal letter in which the applicant gives a short description of him/herself and his/her research interests and its relevance for the project.

- Curriculum vitae.
- Copy of the Master diploma
- Short description of Master thesis project.
- Other documents that the applicant wishes to submit
- Recommendation letter from one/ two teachers or researchers

Applicants are required to send documents to the following e-mail addresses: grazyna@amu.edu.pl. **Deadline is August 15, 2021, 5 P.M.**

The evaluation of candidates will be carried out in accordance with the guidelines in the competition documentation:

https://ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/uchwaly-rady/2020/uchwala95_2020-zal1.pdf
https://ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/uchwaly-rady/2020/uchwala95_2020-zal1_ang.pdf

The selected person may be admitted to the project only after successfully passing the recruitment process to the Doctoral School of Humanities, AMU, during the September 2021 procedure

(<https://amu.edu.pl/doktoranci/przewodnik-doktoranta/rekrutacja/recruitment-20212022>)

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