General information
The Centre for Research on Peace and Development (CRPD) is a multidisciplinary research centre at the Faculty of Social Sciences at Leuven University (KU Leuven). CRPD’s multidisciplinary team conducts conceptual, empirical and applied research with the aim of improving our understanding of the causes of violent conflicts and the challenges of sustainable peace building. For more information on CRPD, please visit: www.crpd.eu

CRPD wishes to recruit a PhD student to work on a project entitled "Making National Citizens: Analyzing the Impact of Ghana’s National Youth Service Programme" under the direction of assistant professor Arnim Langer

1 full-time doctoral researcher (m/f)

Job description
• To conduct research as part of the research project “Making National Citizens: Analyzing the Impact of Ghana’s National Youth Service Programme” with the joint aim to contribute to the successful completion of this research project and to obtain a PhD degree in Social Sciences from the KU Leuven
• The research project will last 4 years and will be conducted under the supervision of assistant professor Arnim Langer and assistant professor Bart Meuleman.

Profile
• The applicant should have completed a Master’s degree in sociology, economics, political science, developmental studies or any other closely related subject;
• The applicant should have an excellent academic record: A high first class honours degree or its equivalent (a GPA score of at least 3.7 if the mark is out of 4, noting that most successful candidates achieve a score higher than 3.7) or an outstanding academic record at Master’s level is necessary (noting that an outstanding Master’s degree can compensate for a moderate first degree performance);
• The applicant should have excellent analytical and writing skills (any peer-reviewed publications will be an advantage)
• The applicant should have considerable experience with quantitative research and/or should be able to statistically analyze survey data;
• Experience in survey research and methodology will be an advantage, as is research experience in any African country.

Availability and statute
• Commencement of employment on October 1, 2012 or by mutual agreement.
• Renewable contracts of 1 year on the basis of positive evaluation. Total duration of employment is 4 years.

Nomination
Consideration of candidates will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Candidates need to send a letter of motivation and a comprehensive curriculum vitae to assistant professor Arnim Langer (Arnim.langer@soc.kuleuven.be).

Additional information
More information concerning the content of the research project and the position can be obtained from Arnim Langer (Arnim.langer@soc.kuleuven.be).