

Offre de thèse avec contrat doctoral. Université de Rouen Normandie

The reinvention of Sparta in the Hellenistic period: myths and realities of a new geopolitical and cultural destiny in the Mediterranean (ReSpHé)

Job information		
	Organisation / Entreprise	Université de Rouen Normandie
	Research Field	Humanities and social sciences
	Researcher Profile	First Stage Researcher (R1)
	Country	France
	Application Deadline	22/05/2025
	Type of Contract	Temporary (3 years), from october 2025
	Job Status	Full time
	Is the Job funded through the UE Research Framework Programme ?	NO
	Is the Job related to staff position within a Research Infrastructure ?	NO
Offer description	<i>Doctoral project description</i>	
	<i>The Hellenistic period (323-31 BC) is remembered above all for the conflicts between the kingdoms that had emerged from the empire of Alexander the Great and the Roman conquest of the Greek world. However, the famous cities of Athens and especially Sparta are generally associated with decadence and decline during this period, compared to a 'golden age' that is still all too often</i>	

	<p>mythologised today. And yet, Sparta, even if it no longer holds a hegemonic position, remains an important player in the Hellenistic Mediterranean, a fact that has not been sufficiently recognised by scholars. Therefore, through a methodology based on the convergence of written and material sources, this project aims to fill a major historiographical gap, by lifting the veil on what is traditionally known as the ‘Spartan mirage’ and by attempting to uncover the historical realities about this famous Greek city beyond the myths and clichés.</p> <p>The Hellenistic era was a time of profound internal reform in Sparta, and a time when the city also attempted to rewrite its history and create new dynamics. The available sources, which are scattered throughout the Mediterranean, point to a reorganisation of Spartan networks and relations with other cities. This occurred through the circulation of objects, people and cults, as well as ideas and symbols, some of which were based on supposedly shared ethnic and cultural identities and origins. These recompositions created a new ‘Spartan Mediterranean’ that was different from the previously existing one. Indeed, in parallel, Sparta developed other ambitions outside the Peloponnese to (re)create a new geopolitical and cultural destiny in the Mediterranean. The Hellenistic period was thus a time of profound reinvention for Sparta, which has not yet revealed all its secrets.</p>	
	Salary placement	2100-2300 € / month
Requirements		
	Admission requirements	Holding a Master’s Degree
	Eligibility	Subject to the acceptance of the head of the institution, on the proposal of the ED director after consultation with the director of the research team and the thesis supervisor
Application		
		<p>A complete application must contain :</p> <p>(1) A personal letter with a brief description of your research interests and motivation</p> <p>(2) A curriculum vitae (CV)</p> <p>(3) Certified copies of grades, diplomas, and documentation of completed academic courses</p> <p>(4) Contact information for two references</p>
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