**Offre de thèse avec contrat doctoral. Université de Caen Normandie**

***Norms and transgressions in family affairs in Hellenistic Egypt***

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| **Job information** |  |  |
|  | Organisation / Entreprise | Université de Caen Normandie |
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|  | Research Field | Humanities and social sciences |
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|  | Researcher Profile | First Stage Researcher (R1) |
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|  | Country | France |
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|  | Application Deadline | 22/05/2025 |
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|  | Type of Contract | Temporary (3 years), from october 2025 |
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|  | Job Status | Full time |
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|  | Is the Job funded through the UE Research Framework Programme ? | NO |
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|  | Is the Job related to staff position within a Research Infrastructure ? | NO |
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| **Offer description** |  |  |
|  | Doctoral project description | Family is often thought of as a timeless and stable structure, but it is a  cultural construct that evolves as it encounters other models. The Hellenistic period,  occurring from the reign of Alexander the Great to Cleopatra’s one, prove that. In fact,  Greek-Macedonian soldiers settled in the lands conquered by Alexander and married  women who lived there. Egypt allows to study the intimate lives of these families thanks to  the richness of papyrological sources. Marriage contracts, wills, complaints, letters and  other everyday documents are all part of this embodied history. These sources allow us to  approach women’s conditions. This also applies to the royal family insofar as queens were  deified just like their husband. Literary sources record reactions to the incestuous marriage  of the Ptolemies. This practice which broke the ban on incest that defines the family  according to Claude Lévi-Strauss, was a source of misunderstanding between different  considerations of the family. A compared study between written sources in Egyptian and  in Greek provides a cross-view of family practices in Egypt. This highlights the evolution of  different family models that came together, reflecting the cultural diversity of Ptolemaic  Egypt. This is true of the family norm inherited from classical Greece, which evolves under  the influence of other cultures or retains its practices for the sake of distinction sometimes.  Wondering about the agency of the family members seeking to take advantage of this  diversity to obtain privileges demonstrates an awareness of the cohabitation of various  norms and a form of plasticity in these norms. These norms governing family relationships  are not always set out explicitly in legislation. It is therefore through the condemnation of  their transgression that they are revealed in the sources. |
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|  | Salary placement | 2100-2300 € / month |
| **Requirements** |  |  |
|  | Admission requirements | Holding a Master’s Degree |
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|  | 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 |
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| **Application** |  |  |
|  |  | A complete application must contain :   1. A **personal letter** with a brief description of your research interests and motivation 2. A ***curriculum vitae*** (CV) 3. ***Certified copies of grades, diplomas, and documentation of completed academic courses*** 4. Contact information for two references |
| **Work location** |  | Université de Caen (Normandy, France) |
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