

The Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR), Rostock, and the Centre for Economic Demography/Department of Economic History, Lund University, announce

## **1-2 PhD candidate positions in Economic History**

with a specialization in population ageing: Late-life employment, unhealthy ageing and early death.

### **Objectives:**

The PhD candidate projects will focus on health and age at retirement. They will examine impacts of socioeconomic situations, policy interventions and other factors on adult health, working life and retirement, mainly using register data for Sweden. Socioeconomic factors include the individual's family situation, as well as their environment during childhood, educational performance, the timing of labour market entry, career trajectories and unemployment spells. Since many retirement decisions are necessary outcomes of health conditions while others are more related to a desire to increase leisure time, isolating the two types of decisions is essential to account for the impact of non-health-related events during earlier life. In addition to factors at the individual level, factors beyond the individual's control at the workplace or regarding the pension systems (legal framework and incentives) will be taken into account.

The PhD candidates will work part of the time in Rostock, part in Lund.

### **Candidate profile:**

The candidates will be enrolled in the PhD program in Economic History at Lund University. Admission requires a Master's degree in Economic History, Demography, Economics, History, Sociology or related subject or 240 credit points (ECTS) of which at least 60 must be at advanced level. It must also include a thesis of at least 15 credit points. The selection of candidates is based on merits, where the quality of the thesis is of special importance. Good knowledge in statistical analysis and statistical software (e.g. STATA) is required and experience in working with large datasets is a strong merit.

Applicants need to use the web-based application system of Lund University. For more information on how to apply to the PhD program in Economic History, please see <https://lu.mynetworkglobal.com/en/what:job/jobID:90474/>. Please state clearly which of the positions you apply to as there are several positions with different specializations.

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Application deadline is April 15, 2016.