

## Second POSTDOCTORAL POSITION ERC-Project SUSPICIO (University of Granada)

The research project SUSPICIO “Creating Suspects. Security Politics and Colonial Rule in the Spanish Empire,” funded by the European Research Council, is inviting applications for a postdoctoral research position (f/m/d) from April 1, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter at the University of Granada. The position is being offered for a duration of 3 years, with the possibility of renewal for an additional year.

Gross salary: ca. 3.300 euros/month

### **The Project**

SUSPICIO stems from the hypothesis that security became a key concept of governance in the late Spanish Empire (ca. 1766–1820). The perception of threat and the Spanish government’s distrust of their own population in America gave rise to extensive security regulations and measures in order to identify and judge those individuals who were perceived to be a threat to the order, i.e., who were categorized as “suspects.” The project analyzes the extent to which the treatment of “suspects” brought about a fundamental shift in the colonial legal system, and thus in colonial rule. Chronologically, the project covers the period from around 1770 to 1820, and refers to the entire Spanish America. The project group will comprise the PI (principal investigator), two postdocs and two doctoral students. The project is located in the Department of Modern History and History of America at the University of Granada in Spain.

### **Mission and Activities**

Your part in the project will be to study one or more of the following regions: Nueva Granada (Colombia), Venezuela, Perú, Alto Perú (Bolivia) o Ecuador

- Archival research in Latin America and Spain
- Conduct your own research agenda and collaborate with other project members in relation to the overall project aims
- Administrative and organizational tasks of the project (including workshops)
- Collaboration in the establishment of a database
- Publish your research results in the form of a monograph (“second book”) and journal articles, and disseminate these at international conferences

### **Your Profile**

- A high-standard doctorate in history or a related field
- Research experience in Spanish or Latin American history and/or in the field of security history is desirable
- Experience in archive research
- Very good command of both written and spoken Spanish and English
- International research profile
- Openness to digital history methods
- Readiness to take up residence in Granada

### **Your Benefits**

You will participate in the set-up of an international research group at the Department of Modern History and History of America at the University of Granada and actively shape SUSPICIO's research activities. You will also have the opportunity to pursue your own research agenda within the project and to conduct archival research in Spain and Latin America. The research environment at the University of Granada, the organization of workshops and participation in conferences will enable you to connect your research internationally. Funds are available for archive trips and conference participation. There is no teaching obligation associated with the position.

## **Application**

Your application should include:

- Cover letter
- CV (2 pages)
- Publication list
- Outline of a research project related to SUSPICIO (2-3 pages)
- Copies of certificates

Applications should be submitted between February 14 and February 27, 2025, via the University of Granada's applicant portal:

<https://investigacion.ugr.es/recursos-humanos/personal/solicitud>

Interviews for shortlisted candidates are expected to take place in March 2025.

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