

Staff members collection development - Vacancies, February 2022

Information on the collection areas

Contemporary Dutch collections and data (0.4 fte)

Our Dutch collections are extensive and broad, covering ‘traditional’ socialism, the labor movement and ancillary organizations in the 19th and 20th centuries, a broad range of social movements, including environmentalism, human rights, and housing issues from the 1960 onwards. For some years we are focusing more on labour relations and a limited number of themes, adapt our practices to digital born materials, and attempt to document closer to the present in more collaborative ways. The materials we are looking for are often produced by ephemeral, web-based groups and networks, not by established organizations with an office and a secretariat. How can we track these materials, and contribute to their sustainable preservation and accessibility?

The staff member working on this collection area will align activities with those of the staff member working on the more historical Dutch collections and data, and who is in touch with our existing and more established archive creators.

Contemporary economic collections and data (0.4 fte)

We collect materials on economic history under the banner of the Nederlandsch Economisch-Historisch Archief (NEHA). The main existing collecting areas are described on the NEHA website. In order to document recent and contemporary developments, we have to develop collection strategies that focus more on digital sources and on themes as globalization and the ‘platform economy’. What are relevant materials and data that document these themes, and are not preserved and made accessible for research and other forms of use elsewhere?

The staff member working on this collection area will develop and carry out this policy, align activities with those of the staff member working on the more historical economic collections and data, and also be in touch with the board of the Stichting NEHA.

Historical international and non-Dutch collections and data (0.4 fte)

The IISH houses important collections from international organisations – from the Socialist International and the International Trade Union Confederation via well-known NGOs such as Greenpeace and Amnesty International to a large number of smaller archives from smaller groups. Besides that, there are many collections from countries and regions not covered by other collection development staff members. Relations with our existing archive creators have to be maintained, possibilities for further accruals investigated. And although we are less active in many countries well covered by other archival institutes, there may be reasons for archive creators from such countries to approach us.

The staff member working on this collection area will align activities with those of the staff member working on the contemporary international and non-Dutch collections and data.

Contemporary international and non-Dutch collections and data (0.4 fte) In order to document contemporary international movements and developments, we have to document closer to the present in more collaborative ways. The materials we are looking for are often produced by ephemeral, web-based groups and networks, not by established organizations with an office and a secretariat. How can we track these materials, and contribute to their sustainable preservation and accessibility? And which groups and themes would be both relevant to our collection profile, and feasible to cover?

The staff member working on this collection area will align activities with those of the staff member working on the more historical international and non-Dutch collections and data.

Researchers' datasets (0.1 fte)

The IISH keeps a large collection of datasets on demographic, social and economic history stored in Dataverse, an open access repository system, or as Linked Data in DataLegend, and makes these accessible and usable for researchers and other users. Most of these datasets come from IISH researchers and research projects the IISH is involved in. Increasingly, we are contemplating to offer this facility in an active way to other researchers, and to make more connections between datasets and other collections. When, for instance, we make an effort to document domestic work and domestic workers, it could be of interest to prospect for researchers and research projects that have produced relevant datasets that are not preserved and made accessible in a sustainable way elsewhere.

The staff member working on this collection area will cooperate with staff members managing the Dataverse platform and be in touch with IISH researchers to make use of their knowledge and networks.

More information about our institute and its collections

<https://iisg.amsterdam/en/collections/browsing>

<https://www.neha.nl/collecties>

<https://datasets.iisg.amsterdam>

<https://druid.datalegend.net>

<https://search.iisg.amsterdam>