Applications are invited for a four-year, fully-funded PhD studentship in African history at Gent University, Belgium. The holder will be affiliated with the History Department and work on the history of Islam in late- and post-colonial Tanzania, supervised by Felicitas Becker (see <https://felimbecker.wixsite.com/mysite> and <http://research.flw.ugent.be/nl/feli.becker>.). There is no obligation to teach, but contributions to teaching can be arranged. The stipend amounts to ca. 2000 EUR per month, tax-free. The start date is no later than September 30, 2018.

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The successful applicant will need to have completed an MA in African history, African studies, contemporary Islamic studies or a related discipline by September 2018. For fieldwork purposes, s/he will need a working knowledge of Swahili or a demonstrable capacity for acquiring new languages. To apply, please send transcripts of academic record, including evidence of language skills, a short (up to two pages) statement of research interests, and a writing sample of up to 5000 words to kadhiscourts@gmail.com, and arrange for two letters of reference to be sent to the same address.

The deadline for applications is April 30. For further questions, please write to fmb26@cam.ac.uk.