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OPENING OF 6 RESEARCH POSITIONS

Under the contract-programme established with the Foundation for Science and Technology, within the programme for contracting researchers for the Portuguese scientific and technological system, the Centre for Social Studies (CES) at the School of Economics, Coimbra University - Associate Laboratory opens positions, until 30 September 2008, for six research positions, with remuneration equivalent to the index 195 of the Research Career.

Overall goals

The opening of these positions aims at developing the following research lines:

1. Architecture and Urbanism
2. Cities and Urban Cultures
3. Citizenship and Social Policies
4. Migration Studies
5. Labour Relations, Social Inequalities and Trade Unionism
6. Peace Studies
7. Cultural and Religious Diversity in Southern Europe

The new researchers will be expected to contribute high scientific quality to the launching and consolidation of these lines of research. The candidates concerned are further expected to correspond to a high level of exigence and, besides scientific maturity, they should display a capacity for taking on new challenges, for autonomy and initiative, as also to have prior research experience in the field under discussion.

A condition for employment is that candidates should have held a PhD in an area of the Social and Human Sciences for over three years. Exception to this condition will be made for excellent scientific merit, to be analysed by the Selection Committee. Candidates should prepare a research proposal in one of the research lines under discussion.

Selection criteria are absolute scientific merit (25%), work experience (25%), and the degree to which their curricular profile corresponds to the tasks to be carried out within CES-LA (25%). As regards all these criteria, the determining factor will be the qualifications held within the field under consideration. The best candidates selected in the light of these criteria will be invited to an interview and to present a seminar within the thematic area applied for (job talk) (25%)

designed to assess how well the candidate may be expected to integrate into the dynamics of the CES-LA research team.

A good command of the English language is essential.

CES in an equal opportunities employer.

The Centre for Social Studies reserves the right not to hire any candidate if the candidates do not match the desired selection criteria. The final decision on contracting will be dependent on the approval by the Foundation for Science and Technology's. For further information, please consult www.ces.uc.pt

Application deadline: 30 September 2008

Applications should include:

- an introductory letter detailing the candidate's current research interests and the area to which he/she is applying,
- a complete CV and two copies of relevant publications,
- the candidate's research proposal (1,200 words maximum)

These should be addressed to:

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ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL STUDIES (CES)

Centre for Social Studies (CES)

CES is a scientific institution for research in the area of the social sciences and the humanities, founded in 1978 at the School of Economics, Coimbra University. In February 2002, CES was granted Associate Laboratory status by the Ministry of Science and Technology. CES is regularly evaluated by international experts having been rated "Excellent" on every occasion (the latest of which in January 2005).

CES now has 95 researchers, 25 associate researchers, 30 junior and 23 post-doctoral researchers. These include sociologists, economists, lawyers, anthropologists, political scientists, specialists in the fields of education, literature and culture, architecture, geographers, urban planners, historians and medical doctors.

What we do

CES's research activity focuses on the study of the new dynamics of social relations, both at the level of global relations and especially on North-South relations. In addition to its main activity, research, CES also offers specialized services in these areas.

CES has been offering an expanding programme of post-graduation training, including doctoral and post-doctoral programmes. As an Associate Laboratory, CES has also been developing a series of Advanced Training activities, with a view to sharing the results of its research with wider sections of the public.

How we do it

Research is very often carried out in partnership with a large variety of Portuguese and international institutions. This networking results in the development of projects in cooperation and, in a more regular fashion, in the development of specific cooperation protocols with other academic institutions or those which work within CES's research areas. CES also channels its research through Observatories resulting from protocols set up with bodies interested in benefitting from its research conclusions.

Special mention must also be made of the North-South Library, started in 1998 with the goal of gathering together a bibliographic collection centred around periodicals published in the countries of the southern hemisphere, in the field of the social sciences and the humanities. The catalogue, which can be viewed online, currently consists of about 10,000 monographs and 895 reference journals.

Our objectives

. to maximize transdisciplinary opportunities, combining the potential of sociological research with contributions from many other fields and scientific traditions;

- . to develop new analytical and theoretical frameworks, and innovative methodological instruments considered appropriate for the study of Portuguese society within the context of the growing internationalization of social relations;
- . to combine analytical and methodological pluralism with theoretical consistency, in an integrated research programme;
- . to create databases for research, enabling other uses in joint ventures with civil society and Portuguese public, regional, and social institutions.

Our strategy

- . to consolidate an interdisciplinary and internationalized research team, active in Portuguese and international scientific networks, with particular attention being paid to North-South cooperation and to relations with the countries having adopted Portuguese as their official language;
- . to train young researchers in the field of the social and human sciences and to promote their scientific activity;
- . to promote and disseminate scientific culture , to be open to the community and to provide support to initiatives undertaken by citizens and by the “third sector” in the areas spanned by the Centre’s scientific activity.

Further details at: www.ces.uc.pt