



Public Notice

TWO RESEARCH FELLOW POSITIONS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

a. Description of the Competition:

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) of the University of Coimbra, Associate Laboratory (AL) through a contract signed with the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) on February 27th, 2002, opens a competition for two research fellow positions in a regime of exclusivity.

b. Scientific area: one position for Social Sciences and one position for Humanities

c. Thematic description of the two positions:

The candidates are expected to develop work on subjects closely related to the research areas of CES Research Groups (<http://www.ces.uc.pt/nucleos/indexen.php>), as well as the Doctoral Programmes (http://www.ces.uc.pt/doutoramentos/index.php?id_lingua=2) promoted by the Centre for Social Studies.

CES gives priority to candidates possessing established connections with international research networks and showing a high record of published work in international reference journals and publishers. The demonstrated ability to obtain funding for research projects is also highly valued.

d. Preferential criteria, with the corresponding weight (besides having a PhD degree at the closing date of the competition):

1. Absolute scientific merit (25%),
2. Professional experience (25%),
3. Publication record (25%),
4. Adequacy of the academic profile to CES' goals and strategic guidelines (25%).

The best candidates, selected according to these criteria, will be evaluated through an interview conducted at CES, aiming at an assessment of the perspectives of integration into the Centre's scientific dynamics. The interview will have a weight of 25% in the final mark.

e. Activities to be developed:

The selected researchers, apart from their scientific research activities (which include the submission of applications to research projects' funding), shall participate in the Doctoral Programmes and collaborate in outreach activities. They will also be in charge of some organisational and administrative support tasks within the institution, according to CES' regulation for contracted researchers (http://www.ces.uc.pt/investigadores/investigadores_regulamento.php?id_lingua=2).

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f. Applicable legislation upon conclusion of the contract:

Portuguese Labour Code, law no. 7/2009, of February 12th (and subsequent changes).

g. Workplace:

The work will be developed at the Centre for Social Studies facilities, or at other locations relevant to the carrying out of the intended activities, according to work plans previously approved by CES Scientific Board.

h. Duration of the contract(s):

The contracts will have the maximum duration of 5 years, eventually renewed, desirably starting on October 1st, 2015. The contracts may be renewed, according to the applicable labour legislation, coinciding with the duration of the Strategic Programme, until 2020, signed with Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia.

i. Nature of the contract and monthly salary:

a. The contract will be a contract with no fixed term, in a regime of exclusivity, with a maximum duration of 5 years, in accordance with the contract-programme (Strategic Programme) signed with the Foundation for Science and Technology to be in force until 2020.

b. The monthly gross salary is 3,437 euros (14 months, according to the Portuguese Labour Code), equivalent to the position of an Assistant Researcher (rank 2). However, due to the austerity programme implemented by the Portuguese Government, the salary was reduced to the current gross monthly pay of 3,197 euros. Pending the revocation of the government's measures, a return to the previous amount is to be gradually expected in the years to follow.

j. Other supplementary information:

The pre-selected candidates' travel expenses to attend the interview will be supported by CES. The Centre for Social Studies reserves the right to not proceed with the recruitment if none of the candidates corresponds to the envisaged profile. CES promotes equal opportunities.

k. Composition of the Selection Panel:

- Boaventura de Sousa Santos – Centro de Estudos Sociais – President of the panel
- José Manuel Pureza – Centro de Estudos Sociais
- António Sousa Ribeiro – Centro de Estudos Sociais
- Maria Paula Meneses – Centro de Estudos Sociais
- Margarida Calafate Ribeiro – Centro de Estudos Sociais
- Maria Fátima Nunes – Universidade de Évora
- José Machado Pais – Instituto de Ciências Sociais da Universidade de Lisboa

l. Publication of results/notification:

The competition final results will be published in a list posted at the Centre for Social Studies facilities and the selected candidate will be notified by e-mail. The competition results will be sent to the remaining candidates by e-mail.

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m. Deadline for applications:

May 31st, 2015

n. Submission of applications:

The applications should include a letter of intent and motivation (justifying the candidate's interest and suitability to CES' scientific interests and activities), a complete Curriculum Vitae and a copy of the certificates of qualification, as well as a copy of all the candidate's relevant publications from the past five years.

The candidate must explicitly refer, in the letter of intent and motivation, to which position he/she is applying: Social Sciences or Humanities.

The applications must be delivered, in person, at the Centre for Social Studies during the competition, or sent by postal mail, with the expedition date stamp until the last day of the competition, to the following address:

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Reference: **CES-LA/12/2015**
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3000-995 Coimbra
Portugal

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About the Centre for Social Studies (CES)

CES is a scientific research institution in the field of social and human sciences, founded in 1978 with the status of Non-Profit Private Association. In February 2002, CES was granted the status of Associate Laboratory by the Ministry of Science and Technology. CES is regularly evaluated by international experts, having received, in all occasions, a classification of "Excellent".

CES currently has 128 researchers, 101 post-doctoral researchers, 387 PhD students and 39 junior researchers of several knowledge fields within Social Sciences and Humanities across the different Research Groups.

What do we do

CES research activities focus on studying the new dynamics of social interactions, both within the Portuguese society and the global sphere, namely North-South relationships. In addition to the main research activity, CES also provides specialized services in these fields of study.

CES has been offering a wide and growing programme of post-graduate training, including doctoral and post-doctoral programmes. CES also develops, within the scope of its status as Associate Laboratory, several Advanced Training actions, seeking to share the results of its researches with a more vast audience.

How do we do it

Research is often conducted in partnership with different national and international institutions. These partnerships result in the development of cooperation projects and, in a more permanent basis, in the development of specific protocols of cooperation with other academic institutions or other entities operating within CES research fields. CES also organizes its research across Observatories, resulting from protocols agreed with entities interested in benefiting from the results of the Centre's research activity.

Finally, the Biblioteca Norte/Sul (North/South Library) is also worth emphasizing. Created in 1998, it aims at gathering a bibliographic collection focused on publications resulting from the scientific production of the South Hemisphere, in the fields of social sciences and humanities.

Our goals

- To promote innovative epistemologies and methodologies and to stimulate the cultural interaction of ideas as an exercise towards an "ecology of knowledge", i.e. the articulation of scientific knowledge with knowledge produced by citizens' organizations and social movements, in order to enhance the idea of "knowledge society" and to maximize the impact of science in society;
- To produce innovative knowledge on Portugal and other European societies (particularly Southern European societies) and on the Portuguese-speaking countries (particularly Brazil, Angola and Mozambique), with a strong orientation towards the enhancement of North-South dialogues;
- To support the development of strong human rights concepts, able to denounce different kinds of inequalities and discriminations and to strengthen democracy;
- To provide support to the elaboration of public policies through the development of applied research;

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- e) To strengthen the participation in national and international networks, paying special attention to North-South and European cooperation and to the relationship with Portuguese-speaking countries;
- f) To foster post-graduate studies and advanced training activities open to young researchers, professionals and citizens in general, as a way of contributing to the improvement of societal skills.

Our strategy

- To promote interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research, combining contributions from various areas and traditions;
- To develop new and innovative instruments and analytical, theoretical and methodological approaches capable of understanding the specificities and complexities of contemporary society;
- To disseminate scientific knowledge, making it available to multiple fields of application, through joint initiatives with civil society organizations, state institutions and international agencies, as well as local government bodies, at the regional and national level, within the Portuguese context.