



Call for Applications – Research Positions 2 Post-Doctoral Fellowship Grants

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for 2 postdoctoral research fellowships in the project “*MEMOIRS-Children of Empires and European Postmemories*” (Grant agreement no.: 648624), funded by the European Research Council, and coordinated by Dr. Margarida Calafate Ribeiro (www.ces.uc.pt/investigadores/cv/margarida_calafate_ribeiro.php).

CES provides a stimulating intellectual environment in the fields of social sciences and humanities. The MEMOIRS project will be hosted at the research group on Humanities, Migration and Peace Studies – NHUMEP, which integrates a research line on history, memory, diasporas and post-colonialisms.

Link:

CES: www.ces.uc.pt

NHUMEP: www.ces.uc.pt/nucleos/nhumep/pages/en/presentation.php

a. Project Description:

MEMOIRS focuses on the intergenerational memories of the children and grandchildren of those involved in the decolonization processes of colonies held by France, Portugal and Belgium. Through interviews of this second and third generation, and a comparative analysis of the cultures influenced by the postmemory of the colonial wars and the end of empire, Europe's postcolonial heritage will be reinterrogated, and a new understanding of the contemporary continent will be developed. At the heart of the project is a desire to comprehend the effects of Europe's postimperial diversity through postmemories of colonial praxis.

The project is interdisciplinary, bringing together specialists from literary and cultural studies, sociology and history. MEMOIRS aims to maximize the impact of its findings through broad web, open-access publications and an itinerant artistic exhibit that captures multiple aspects of the representations of postmemory, and fosters a meaningful North-South dialogue.

b. Scientific field: Humanities and Social Sciences (Postcolonial Studies, Literary Studies, Cultural Studies).

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c. Tasks

- Lead and conduct theoretical and field research according to the work plan (cf. section e.).
- Write and complete, at least, a monograph with leading international publisher and 3 articles in peer-reviewed international journals within three years.
- Co-edit a book with the PI.
- Participate in conferences, workshops, seminars and other scholarly activities.

d. Admission requirements and criteria, and their evaluation weighting:

1. PhD degree in the Social Sciences or Humanities, in relevant fields such as Postcolonial Studies, Literary Studies or Cultural Studies (20%);
2. Documented training and experience in using qualitative methodologies, such as interview/oral history collection and analysis, and documental/archival analysis (20%);
3. Relevant research experience (20%);
4. Relevant publications for the thematic of MEMOIRS (20%);
5. Proficiency in Portuguese, French and English (10%);
6. Independent thinking, critical awareness and availability for frequent traveling in Portugal and abroad (Europe) (10%).

e. Work plan:

The selected researchers should have availability for frequent traveling in Portugal and abroad (France and Belgium). They are expected to contribute to the implementation of the project's scientific tasks, as well as to support any activities associated with the project's general goals. Especially, the selected researchers will be asked to gather, organize and analyse qualitative data (e.g. interviews, archival data, documents, etc.), carry out a critical review of literature, conduct fieldwork, guarantee support in research management and networking, among other tasks needed for a sound management and implementation of the project's goals.

Particularly, the 2 Post-doctoral researchers will be responsible for leading fieldwork (with the scientific supervision of the PI) in the Portuguese and French contexts, particularly as far as the two research axes are concerned: a) Texts and b) Contexts.

e. Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

Portuguese Law nº 40/2004, of 18 August (Scientific Research Fellow Statute) and successive amendments, FCT's (National Agency for Science and Technology) Regulations for Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources 2015 (www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/RegulamentoBolsasFCT2015.pdf), and Regulations for Fellowships at the Centre for Social Studies

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(www.ces.uc.pt/oportunidades/documentos/Regulamento de Bolsas CES 2008.pdf).

f. Work place:

Tasks will be performed at the Centre for Social Studies (Coimbra, Portugal) facilities or in other locations when necessary for the good implementation of the work plan, under the scientific supervision of the Principal Investigator.

g. Duration of the fellowship contract:

The fellowships are full-time positions and each will last 12 months. Both contracts will start with the beginning of the project (indicative date November 1, 2015). The fellowship contract may be extended for equal or different time periods, until the end of the project, depending on the good performance of the fellow and his/her developed activities (as defined in the work plan), and on the Principal Investigator's assessment.

h. Monthly allowance:

Each full-time position will have a monthly stipend in a range between 1.750 and 2.000 euros to be defined according to the profile and merit of the candidates. The payment of the Voluntary Social Insurance and the Personal Accident Insurance adds up to this amount.

i. Selection process:

Applicants will be selected based on their curricular evaluation. In case of equivalent curricular evaluations, the strongest applications will compose a short-list to be evaluated through an interview, conducted in Portuguese, English or French. This optional second phase of the evaluation process is meant to assess the applicants' potential in integrating the project scientific dynamic and his/her motivation in pursuing research related to the project's thematic areas. The interview will have a weight of 25% in the final grade.

j. Selection panel:

- Margarida Calafate Ribeiro (President)
- António Sousa Ribeiro
- Walter Rossa

k. Results publication:

All candidates will receive the results by email. The meeting minutes of the selection panel will become available publicly.

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I. Application deadline:

The 21st of July of 2015

m. Application process:

Applications must include:

- a) a letter of intent/motivation in Portuguese, English or French;
- b) the detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- c) copy of PhD degree certificate and other relevant documents for eligibility purposes (the PhD degree must have been obtained before the application deadline); and
- d) two relevant publications (max.).

The applications can be handed in personally at CES' facilities, or sent by postal mail with stamp due until the final deadline, with clear indication of the reference of this call and the name of the applicant, to the following address:

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