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## Call for Applications

## Fellowship Grant

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra, opens a call for applications for 1 research fellowship grant 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.

### 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, history, sociology and migration studies. 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: Social Sciences and Humanities

### c. Tasks:

- Conduct field research under the supervision of fieldwork coordinators and the PI.
- Write and publish 2 articles in peer-reviewed international journals.
- Co-edit a book with the PI and other team members.
- Conclude a PhD thesis in the topics of the project in a comparative perspective. The PhD thesis will be published as a book.
- Participate in conferences, workshops, seminars and other scholarly activities.

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

1. Master's degree in the Social Sciences and/or Humanities (10%);
2. Research experience in postcolonial studies, memory studies, or cultural studies, specially focused on the case of the Portuguese empire (25%);
3. Documented training and experience in using qualitative methodologies in the social sciences (esp. conducting and analysing interviews), and documental/archival research (25%);
4. Interest in developing a PhD thesis within the scope of the project's thematic areas (20%);
5. Level of proficiency in English and/or French (10%);
6. Availability for frequent travelling in Portugal and abroad (Europe) (10%).

## **e. Work plan:**

The selected PhD candidate is 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 researcher will be asked to gather, organize and analyse qualitative data, 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 PhD candidate will carry out one case study in one of the three analytical axes (Concepts, Contexts or Texts), and liaise with the team for the comparative work.

## **e. Applicable Legislation and Regulations:**

Act no. 40/2004, of August 18 (Research Fellow Statutes), FCT (Foundation for Science and Technology) Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.pt>), and Regulations for Fellowships at the Centre for Social Studies.

## **f. Work place:**

The tasks will be performed in the Centre for Social Studies facilities in Coimbra 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 grant contract:**

The fellowship is a full-time position and will last 12 months, starting on the 1st of January of 2016. The grant 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 their work plan, and on the Principal Investigator's assessment.

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## **h. Monthly allowance:**

The monthly stipend will be 980 Euro. 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 be evaluated through an interview, conducted in English, meant to assess the applicant's potential in integrating the project scientific dynamic and his/her motivation in pursuing studies related to the project's thematic areas.

## **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.

## **l. Application deadline:**

December 2, 2015

## **m. Application process:**

Applications must include:

- a) a letter of intent/motivation in English or French;
- b) the detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- c) copies of degree certificates and of other relevant documents for eligibility purposes.

The applications can be handed in personally, at CES' facilities, or sent by postal mail, with stamp due until the final deadline, to the following address:

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