



## Call for Applications 2 research PhD Positions

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory – University of Coimbra invites applications for 2 full-time fully funded PhD scholarships in the project **MEMOIRS-Children of Empires and European Postmemories**, awarded to Dr. Margarida Calafate Ribeiro ([www.ces.uc.pt/investigadores/cv/margarida\\_calafate\\_ribeiro.php](http://www.ces.uc.pt/investigadores/cv/margarida_calafate_ribeiro.php)) by the European Research Council (Grant agreement no.: 648624).

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

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### 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 in Africa. 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.

The project is interdisciplinary and brings together specialists from literary and cultural studies, history, sociology, anthropology, arts and international relations.

MEMOIRS develops from November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2020.

**b. Scientific field:** Social Sciences and Humanities

### c. Admission requirements and criteria, and their evaluation weighting:

1. Master's degree in the Social Sciences and Humanities, esp. Literature, Cultural Studies, History (10%);
2. Research experience in postcolonial studies, literary studies or cultural studies (15%);

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3. Documented training and experience in using qualitative methodologies in the social sciences (esp. interviews, and documental analysis) (15%);
4. Interest in developing a PhD thesis within the scope of the project's thematic area and countries (25%);
5. Native or near-native speaker of French, and proficiency in English. Knowledge of Portuguese or other language relevant to the project is an advantage (15%);
6. Availability for frequent travel (mainly in Europe), including regular stays in Coimbra (10%);
7. Promising academic record, showing critical thinking and interest in interdisciplinarity (10%).

#### d. Work plan:

- Conduct field research under the supervision of fieldwork coordinators and the PI.
- Write and publish 2 articles in peer-reviewed international journals within 3 years.
- Co-edit a book with the PI and other team members.
- Conclude a PhD thesis within 4 years within the scope of the project. The PhD thesis will be published as a book on the Principal Investigator's assessment.
- Participate in conferences, workshops, seminars and other academic activities.

The selected PhD candidates will participate in the project as full team members. For example, the selected PhD candidates will be required to gather, organize and analyse qualitative data, carry out a critical review of literature, get involved in research management and networking as necessary, among other tasks needed for a sound management and implementation of the project's goals.

#### e. Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

Law Act no. 40/2004, of August 18 (Research Fellow Statutes), FCT's (National Agency for Science and Technology) Regulations for Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources 2015 ([www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/2015RegulationFellowships.pdf](http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/2015RegulationFellowships.pdf)), and Regulations for Fellowships at the Centre for Social Studies

([www.ces.uc.pt/oportunidades/documentos/Regulamento\\_de\\_Bolsas\\_CES\\_2008.pdf](http://www.ces.uc.pt/oportunidades/documentos/Regulamento_de_Bolsas_CES_2008.pdf)).

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## f. Work place:

Tasks will be performed mainly at the Centre for Social Studies facilities (Coimbra, Portugal), or in other locations deemed necessary for reaching the project's goals, and with the authorisation from the PI.

The PhD candidates will be based at the University of Coimbra or develop their doctorate at a different HEI under a doctoral cotutelle agreement for joint supervision.

## g. Duration of the scholarship contract:

The scholarship are full-time positions for 12 months, starting on October 1 2016. The scholarship contracts will be extended for equal or different time periods, until the end of the project, depending on the good performance of the fellows, on the Principal Investigator's assessment, and on the successful progression in the PhD programme.

## h. Monthly allowance:

The full-time positions will have a monthly stipend of 980 euros. The Social Security charges (Voluntary Regime), when applicable, and a Personal Accident Insurance add up to this amount. Additionally, the project will cover any costs related to fieldwork or to other relevant activities as defined in d.

## 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 (possible by skype), conducted in French and in English.

## j. Selection panel:

- Margarida Calafate Ribeiro (President)
- Fabrice Schurmans
- Júlia Garraio
- Tramor Quemeneur



## k. Results publication:

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

## l. Applications period and deadline:

Applications are open between 13 May and 24 June, 2016.

## m. Application process:

Applications must include:

- a) a letter of intent/motivation in English;
- b) the detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- c) copies of degree certificates and of other relevant documents;
- d) a writing sample (e.g. excerpt from Master's thesis, article, etc.); and
- e) a PhD thesis proposal within the scope of MEMOIRS.

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

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