

Post-Doctoral Researcher

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for 1 post-Doctoral researcher in the project “JUSTFOOD - From Alternative Food Networks to Environmental Justice” (project no. 29355), supported by the Science and Technology Foundation, through national funds and co-financed by FEDER, coordinated by PhD Irina Velicu.

CES provides a stimulating intellectual environment in the domain of social sciences and humanities. The project JUSTFOOD is part of the research group on Social Policies, Labour and Inequalities – POSTRADE, which aims primarily at promoting the development of critical reading and of new perspectives on problems that affect today's societies: welfare, state sustainability, the market and the civil society roles on social protection, fragmentation of labour markets, demographic evolution, global environmental change, quality of life and equality of opportunities.

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a. Project Description

Putting 'just food' on the table is still a global challenge. Critical scholarship suggests that more attention should be given to the 'just sustainability' dimension of food systems: “just food” indicates a collectively re-negotiable bundle of socio-ecological relations. The project focuses on how and why alternative food movements (AFMs) may foster this dimension, investigating the challenges of cultivating “just food”. Drawing on theories of performativity and everyday-practices, we hypothesize that the potential for the 'just sustainability' of food systems lies in the micro-politics of AFMs and their embeddedness within broader social-environmental conflicts and movements. We employ ethnographic methods to document AFM's experiences in Romania and Portugal, two peripheral countries of crisis-ridden Europe with similarities and differences in terms of agri-food cultures, histories of authoritarian regimes and socio-environmental justice movements.

Expected duration of the project execution: 36 months, from July 15th 2018.

b. Scientific field: Social Sciences

c. Work plan, tasks:

The selected researcher is expected to have the following responsibilities:

- Assess the socio-political and mobilization context of 'just food' movements in Europe
- Investigate AFMs in Portugal through participatory and qualitative fieldwork research
- Collaborate with the team to produce a comparative analysis and a theoretical/policy model of 'food justice' in Europe
- Publish articles in peer-reviewed journals and contribute to a book (individually and/or collectively).

d. Critérios preferenciais de seleção e respetiva ponderação:

Applicants must demonstrate expertise on the topic of the project, by fulfilling the following criteria:

- Be a researcher who has received a PhD within the last 6 years in a field related to the project (20%)
- Have a research and publishing record related to the topic of the project (30%),
- Experience with cross-national research projects (an advantage) (20%)
- Excellent communication skills beyond academia (10%)
- Availability to frequent traveling for field work requirement (10%)
- Proficiency in English and Portuguese) (10%)

e. Applicants

The tender accepts applications from national, foreign and stateless people who have a doctoral degree in Social Sciences or Humanities, Environmental Sciences or other relevant field. Candidates must also have a professional and scientific curriculum indicative of a profile that fits the activity plan for the available position. If the doctorate was awarded by a foreign higher education institution, it has to follow Law no. 341/2007 of the 12th October, and any formalities provided therein must be fulfilled until the date of signing the contract.

f. Applicable legislation and regulations:

The doctorate will be hired under Law no. 57/2016, 29th August, altered by Law 57/2017 which approves a doctoral hiring regime with a view to boosting scientific and technological employment in all areas of knowledge (RJEC). The hiring will also be governed by the Labour Code approved by Law no. 7/2009 of the 12th February, as currently worded.

g. Work place

The work place is the Centre for Social Studies' facilities in Coimbra, and/or other locations as required by the work plan, under the scientific supervision of the Principal Investigator, Dr. Irina Velicu.

h. Duration of the contract

The employment contract will be a temporary position (*termo incerto*) abiding by article 6, no. 1 b) Law no. 57/2016, 29th August, starting in September 2018. The contract cannot exceed the project's duration of 36 months.

i. Monthly salary:

The monthly salary is set in accordance with the provisions in RJEC, article 15, no. 1, corresponding to level 33 of the single salary scale approved by Decree no. 1553-C/2008 of the 31st December, at 2,128.34 Euros gross.

j. Selection process:

The applicants' selection will be carried out taking into account their scientific and curricular path. The assessment process includes, in case of applicants with an equal or very similar assessment, an interview

with the applicants selected by the jury, in order to value the results of their research in its innovative content and relevance to the objectives and priority scientific areas at CES.

The jury reserves the right to not select applicants for the vacancy, if the applicants do not have the adequate quality and profile in terms of absolute merit. If carried out, the interview will weigh 10% over the whole assessment. The scale applied to each criterion is 0 to 20.

k. Selecting jury

- Irina Velicu (president)
- João Paulo Dias
- Stefania Barca

l. Communication of Results:

The final results of the evaluation will be communicated to all applicants by e-mail. The minutes of the selection process will be made available for public consultation in the facilities of the Centre for Social Studies.

m. Period for presenting the applications:

Between June 5th 2018 and July 17th 2018.

n. Application process:

Applications must include:

- a) Presentation/Motivation letter sent by the applicant in English
- b) Full Curriculum Vitae;
- c) Copy of the qualification certificates and other relevant documents for eligibility purposes (it is mandatory to be holder of a PhD degree by the ending of the tender)
- d) Two publications (max.), preferably in English.
- e) Contact information for at least two referees

The applications must explicitly indicate the application reference and the vacancy they relate to, and they must be delivered in person at the Centre for Social Studies address during the application period, or sent by post with the stamp of the expedition date, until the last day of the application, to the following address:

Centro de Estudos Sociais
A/C Doutora Irina Velicu
Reference: CES/18/2018 - PD
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Apartado 3087
3000-995 Coimbra, Portugal

o. Non-discrimination and equal access policy :

The Centre for Social Studies actively promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, so that no applicant can be privileged, benefited, harmed or deprived of any right or exemption from any duty due to ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, economic situation, education, origin or social condition, genetic heritage, reduced working capacity, disability, chronic disease, nationality, ethnic origin or race, territory origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and trade union membership.

p. The Centre for Social Studies approved all the terms included in this notice at the Board Meeting on April 11th 2018.

q. In accordance with Law no. 29/2001 of 3rd of February, applicants with disabilities have preference in case of equal classification, which prevails over any other legal preference. In the presentation letter, applicants must declare, on oath, their degree of disability, the type of disability and the means of communication/expression to be used in the process of selection, in accordance with the above mentioned law.

r. Final remarks

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