

Call for applications – 1 (one) vacancy

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for 1 research scholarships (CES/26/2023-BI-PROTEMO) in the project "PROTEMO - Emotional dynamics of protective policies in an age of insecurity" (GA: 101132433), funded by the European Commission, coordinated by Cristiano Gianolla.

CES provides a stimulating intellectual environment in the domain of social sciences and humanities. The project is part of the research line Democracy, Justice and Human Rights. Engaging with the centrality of the democratization of knowledge with the importance of the struggles and experiences of historically oppressed groups, the main objectives of the line are twofold. On the one hand, aims to analyse the persistence of systems of oppression that are intertwined in the structures of racism, heteropatriarchy and capitalism. On the other hand, examine the socio-legal, socio-political and socio-cultural resistances that, in the framework of the modern State and beyond, mark the present of anti-discrimination policies and the constitution of alternative grammars of dignity.

a. Project Description:

Project title: "PROTEMO – Emotional dynamics of protective policies in an age of insecurity"
PROTEMO aims to investigate the emotional roots of protective policies and their emotional consequences for individuals, groups of citizens and non-citizens as well as for democracy, political participation and mobilisation. PROTEMO asks: (1) How do political actors perceive and influence the emotional needs of citizens (and non-citizens) and how does this play out in the policy process? (2) What emotional reactions, judgements and actions elicit protective policies among individuals and publics in society? (3) How do citizens' emotional reactions feedback on the policy process? Answering these questions allows us to study emotional responsiveness - a crucial yet neglected aspect of representative democracy.

Expected duration of the project execution: 36 months, from January 1st 2024.

b. Scientific field:

Social Sciences and Humanities

c. Work plan, tasks:

The selected candidates are expected to have the following responsibilities:
- Develop PhD research (already in progress or to begin in 2024) in the framework of the research project line: Investigate social representations of protection and the entangled emotions of Ukrainian refugees and also of people mobilising against the war in Ukraine.

- Support the implementation of the scientific tasks foreseen in the project application, namely, literature review, document research, databases and website maintenance, drafting and editing of reports and publications, field work, data analysis and dissemination activities;
- Support the administrative activities of the project, including the organisation of events, management of communication, review and translation of documents and data, and support of the tasks necessary to implement the project.

d. Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

Portuguese Law nº 40/2004, of August 18 18 (Scientific Research Fellow Statute) and following amendments, FCT's (National Agency for Science and Technology) Regulations for Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources, and Regulations for Fellowships at the Centre for Social Studies.

e. Work place:

The tasks will be performed at the Centre for Social Studies facilities or in other locations when necessary for the good implementation of the work plan, under the scientific supervision of the Principal Investigator, Cristiano Gianolla.

f. Duration of the fellowship contract:

The fellowship will last 12 months, starting in 01 April 2024. The scholarship contract may be extended for equal or different periods, until the end of the project, depending on the evaluation of the work carried out, the financial provisions and the scientific needs of the project.

g. Application dates:

Opens on: 21 December 2023

Closes on: 15 February 2024

h. Application process:

Applications must include:

a) Presentation/Motivation letter with the contest reference (CES/26/2023-BI-PROTEMO) of maximum 2 pages in English in which the candidate addresses at least three points: (1) motivation to be part of the PROTEMO project within the CES team and under which of the two research lines, (2) to what extent education and previous experience match the selecting criteria listed, and (3) they allow to execute the work plan mentioned above.

Important: The motivation letter shall include a clear statement demonstrating the proficiency of the candidate in both, English and Ukrainian languages (the statement may refer to where and how the candidate has learned and perfection both languages or if they are native of them).

b) detailed Curriculum Vitae;

c) copies of degree certificates. It is mandatory to be holder of a MA degree by the ending of the tender (note: candidates must meet the eligibility conditions and conditions indicated in point k.)

d) copy of the enrolment on a PhD programme in the academic year 2023/2024 or copy of the enrolment in a non-academic degree (see eligibility criteria below), but integrated in the pedagogical project of a higher

education institution (note: candidates must meet the eligibility conditions and conditions indicated in point "k. Mandatory requirements").

e) One publication, or an unpublished essay (for instance the master thesis or an assignment of a course work) which better represents the writing skills of the applicant and their proximity with PROTEMO research, in Portuguese, Italian or English;

f) other relevant documents for eligibility purposes.

Applications should be sent by email to concursos@ces.uc.pt until the final deadline. Applications must include a clear indication of the reference of this call and to the profile that is applying (CES/26/2023-BI-PROTEMO).

SKILLS/ QUALIFICATIONS

i. Preferred selection criteria and their weighing:

Applicants must demonstrate expertise on the topic of the project, and in one of the two research lines listed above, by fulfilling the following criteria:

1. Academic background and research carried out in the area of political science, psychology, sociology or related field, with demonstrated research related to emotions, migrations and/or public policy (publications, participation in research projects, membership in research groups or networks); (25%).
2. Experience of qualitative data collection and analysis, including semi-structured interviews, Focus Group, Critical Discourse Analysis, and participatory research. Competence in quantitative methods and Social Representations constitutes additional merit; (25%)
3. Language proficiency in English and Ukrainian. Proficiency in Russian and Surzhyk constitutes additional merit, other desirable languages are German, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian (25%);
4. Experience in research project administration, team work and communication, organisation and dissemination, event organisation and publication editorial work; (15%).
5. Work experience with academic software (MAXQDA/NVIVO, Zotero/Mendeley, SPSS, R or Python) and project management systems, collaborative software, social media and website editing (10%).

The jury reserves the right not to select any candidate.

BENEFITS

j. Monthly Allowance

The monthly stipend is 1250 euros according with the Regulations for Fellowships at the Centre for Social Studies and at FCT. The payment of the Voluntary Social Insurance and the Personal Accident Insurance adds up to this amount (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores.phtml.en>).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

k. Mandatory requirements

1. Oral and written proficiency in Ukrainian language.
2. Hold a master's degree in the area of Social Sciences, Humanities, or related area (defence process finalised) before the deadline of this call (see associated conditions in b);
3. Be a doctoral student or commit to enrol in a PhD programme within the project aims in 2024, and be enrolled (or enrol within 30 days after selection and until the beginning of the PhD course at least) in a course that does not confer an academic degree but is part of the educational project of a higher education institution (see associated conditions in point "a. Project Description");

a) Applicants must provide proof of enrolment in a doctoral or non-academic degree course, in the current academic year. If at the time of application, the applicant does not have a valid document proving their enrolment, they must send a declaration of honour in which they state to undertake the enrolment within a maximum period of 30 days after the communication of the results, under penalty of not contracting the scholarship.

b) Applicants with an academic degree and diploma issued by a foreign Higher Education Institution must present proof of recognition of the academic degree by the Portuguese Higher Education System, (law DL66/2018). Any candidate without the recognition of the degree(s) will be admitted to the competition, but during the evaluation process the selection panel, cannot:

- a) recognize the candidate's grades and assess according to the possession of such grades;
- b) give equivalence to, or validate, the grade of her/his degree;
- c) use that note or its conversion as an evaluation parameter.

In case of selection, the fellowship contract can only be signed after the recognition of the academic degree by the Portuguese authorities, under the terms of the Law-decree n66/2018, August 16. The selected candidate must deliver the recognition of the degree within 30 days after the communication of the results. After the 30 days, the jury may decide to 1. either extend the deadline for the candidate to prove the recognition; 2. assign the fellowship to the next candidate for merit; 3. or not award the fellowship.

SELECTION PROCESS

I. Selection process

Applicants will be selected based on their curricular evaluation. In the event of similar curriculum assessments, the best-positioned applicants should be short-listed for an interview, meant to assess the applicant's potential in integrating the project's scientific dynamic and their motivation in pursuing studies and experience related to the project's thematic areas. Each of the two methods of selection applied will

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have a rating of 50% in the final classification. Possible date of the online interview for selected candidate: 6 or 7 December 2023.

m. Selection panel:

- Cristiano Gianolla (President)
- Gaia Giuliani (permanent member)
- Raquel Ribeiro (permanent member)
- Clara Cruz Santos (permanent member)
- Luciana Sotero (substitute member)
- Lisete Monico (substitute member)
- Iryna Skulska (invited member)

n. Communication of Results:

All candidates will receive the results by email. The meeting minutes of the selection panel will become available publicly. After the communication of results, applicants have 10 working days to present a redress to the evaluation and the result by email.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Equality of opportunities:

CES abides by the national law that regulates the prevention, prohibition and fighting against discrimination on the grounds of racial and ethnic identity, colour, nationality, family background, and territory of origin (Law nº 93/2017, 23 August).

Data protection:

By submitting your application, you are agreeing with the use of your personal data by CES administrative services for the sole purpose of the current call, namely to be contacted directly by CES services and allow the communication of results as in point "n. Communication of Results". of this call. CES abides by the principles of GDPR.

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