



Post-Doctoral Fellowship Grant

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra (Portugal) (SOC/50012), opens a call for applications for 1 postdoctoral research fellowship 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. MEMOIRS 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



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representations of postmemory, and fosters a meaningful North-South dialogue.

b. Scientific field: Humanities and Social Sciences

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 History (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 on topics related to the French imperial history (more specifically on the memory and postmemory of the Algerian War among French society) from a postcolonial studies perspective (20%);
4. Relevant publications for the thematic of MEMOIRS (20%);
5. Proficiency in 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 researcher should have availability for frequent traveling in Portugal and abroad (France and Belgium). S/He 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 (e.g. interviews,



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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 Post-doctoral researcher will be responsible for leading fieldwork (with the scientific supervision of the PI) in the French context, 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 (National Foundation for Science and Technology) Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.en>), 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)).

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 contract will start on January 1, 2016. The fellowship is a full-time position and will last 12 months. 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:

The full-time position will have a monthly stipend of 2.000 euros. The payment of the Voluntary Social Security and the Personal Accident Insurance adds up to this amount.



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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 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.

l. Application period:

Between November 3 and November 20, 2015

m. Application process:

Applications must include:

- a) a letter of intent/motivation in 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.).



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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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