



Post-Doctoral Fellowship Grant

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for one (1) postdoctoral research fellowship in the project *Countering Islamophobia Through the Development of Best Practice in the use of Counter-Narratives in EU Member States* (JUST/2015/RRAC/AG/BEST/8910), funded by the Directorate-General Justice and Consumers.

a. Project Description:

The overall aim of the Action is to produce a toolkit of counter-narratives to Islamophobia, building on an assessment of the range and content of counter-narratives to Muslim hatred and hostility in 8 national case study contexts and their application, operation and impact on prevailing narratives of hate and hostility. This project will: i) Categorize prevailing current narratives of Muslim hatred, identify their key elements and interlocking contextual environments employing the Domination Hate Model of Intercultural Relations (Islamic Human Rights Commission 2016), ii) categorize current counter-narratives to Muslim hatred and assess their changing dynamics and context, iii) Examine the application and operation of identified counter-narratives in a selected range of discursive environments and their impact and influence on public opinion and specific audiences, iv) Produce 1 transferable EU toolkit of best practice in the use of counter-narratives to Muslim hatred and specific key messages for 8 member states, v) Disseminate the key messages, findings and toolkits to policy makers, professionals and practitioners both across the EU and to member/regional audiences using a range of mediums and activities, vi) Facilitate a process of knowledge exchange and a pathway to impact for toolkit utilization.

b. Scientific Field:

Social Sciences and Humanities

c. Admission criteria and corresponding weight:

1. PhD degree in Social Sciences or Humanities (30%);
2. Documented knowledge of literature about Islamophobia, institutional racism and (post-) colonial theories (20%);
3. Experience in the use of qualitative methodologies, such as interviews, and in the field of critical discourse analysis (20%);
4. Availability to live in Coimbra (Portugal) and for frequent traveling to Lisbon, where the work plan will be developed (10%);
5. Proven proficiency in Portuguese and English (oral and written form) (10%);
6. Autonomy, critical awareness and enthusiasm in integrating multidisciplinary teams (10%).



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d. Work plan:

The selected candidate is expected to contribute to the implementation of the project's scientific tasks. In particular, s/he will be asked to collect data and conduct fieldwork in order to categorise current counter-narratives to Muslim hatred in Portugal, and to contribute to the elaboration of a toolkit. Tasks include:

- Identification and documentation of counter-narratives across a range of data sources, including political, policy, media and NGO discourse;
- Collation of digital data from social media platforms;
- The conduction and treatment of interviews with a diversity of participants;
- The collaboration in writing reports.

e. Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

Portuguese Law nº 40/2004, of 18 August (Scientific Research Fellow Statute) and successive amendments, FCT's (National Agency for Science and Technology) Regulations for Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources 2015, and Regulations for Fellowships at the Centre for Social Studies.

f. Work place:

Tasks will be performed at 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 fellowship:

The fellowship will last 6 months and will start during September.

h. Monthly allowance:

The fellowship will have a monthly stipend of 1495 euros. The payment of the Voluntary Social Insurance and the Personal Accidents Insurance adds up to this amount.

i. Selection process:

Based on the curricular evaluation of all applications, the jury will select the candidates with the highest scores to be interviewed in Portuguese or English. This 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 jury reserves the right not to award the grant if none of the candidates fits the required profile.

j. Selection panel:

- Sílvia Maeso (President)
- Marta Araújo (Permanent Member)
- João Paulo Dias (Permanent Member)





l. Results publication:

All candidates will receive the results by email.

m. Application deadline:

August 18, 2017

n. Application process:

Applications must include:

- a) a signed letter of motivation in Portuguese or English;
- 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);
- d) copy of two (max.) relevant publications.

Applications should be handed in person at CES' facilities, or sent by postal mail with the stamp due until the final deadline. Whichever the case, applications must include a clear indication to the reference of this call.

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