

PhD position on EU post-crisis legitimacy (PhD network PLATO – ESR11)

The Institute for European Studies of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow invites applications for a PhD fellowship on 'legitimacy crisis and identity politics' as part of the PhD network 'The Post-Crisis Legitimacy of the European Union' (PLATO).

Applicants should hold a master degree in political science, culture or media studies, sociology or a related social science discipline.

The position is announced for a period of 3 years with teaching obligations (no more than 45 teaching hours throughout the whole programme). The starting date for the fellowship is 1 October 2017.

The Institute for European Studies (IES) is part of the Faculty of International and Political Studies at Jagiellonian University in Krakow. The Institute is famous for its interdisciplinary approach, combining the perspectives of anthropology, economy, cultural studies, political sciences, history, law and sociology. IES offers a study abroad programme for undergraduates, a range of BA, MA, post-graduate, 4-year doctoral, and vocational programmes taught in Polish, English and French.

IES is also a research Institute and participates in research networks and international consortia. The interdisciplinary character of IES aims to deepen the understanding of European affairs through societal, economic, and cultural studies. Particular interest is upon challenges to the Polish society in light of EU integration. Researchers from the IES have conducted research supported by the National Research Centre, EU's 6th Framework Programme "RECON. Reconstituting democracy in Europe" where the coordination of Work Package Identity formation and Enlargement was entrusted to the Kraków team. IES scholars are currently participating in ISCH COST Action IS1203 In search of transcultural memory in Europe (ISTME) network (2012-16). The Institute is also a part of the Jean Monnet Network European Identity, Culture, Exchanges and Multilingualism (EUROMECC) that brings together 8 international partners in the area of European Studies.

PLATO PhD network

PLATO is an EU-funded PhD network coordinated by Prof. Chris Lord at ARENA Centre for European Studies, University of Oslo. It unites [nine university partners across Europe](#) in recruiting a group of 15 excellent young researchers to do a common multi-disciplinary investigation of the EU's post-crisis legitimacy, together with leading senior researchers.

PLATO will be a fully integrated, thematic research school with its own research question. The aim is to go beyond the state-of-the-art by building a theory of legitimacy crisis in the EU from a uniquely interdisciplinary understanding of how democracy, power, law, economies and societies all fit together with

institutions within and beyond the state to affect the legitimacy of contemporary political order. [What you need to know about PLATO's research in preparing applications for a PhD position \(pdf\)](#).

PLATO will offer state-of-the-art academic training as well as training in core professional skills, research leadership and entrepreneurship, and dissemination; a quality framework of supervision; work experience from the policy-advice, consulting or civil society sectors at European level; and professional individual career development. For more on PLATO's research and training programme as well as the common call for 15 PhD candidates (Early Stage Researchers, ESRs), please see: www.plato.uio.no

Job description

PhD project: 'Legitimacy crisis and Identity Politics' (ESR11)

Although there are many ways of identifying with a political system, some sense of political obligation is a condition for legitimacy. Some forms of identity – maybe those that are more cosmopolitan, more multi-level or just less exclusive – are likely to be more compatible than others with a sense of political obligation to a transnational political order such as the EU. This PhD will identify ways of distinguishing different forms of identity and of investigating whether some are more compatible than others with the legitimacy of European political order. It will then identify ways of testing whether identities supportive of the legitimacy of European political order have been strengthened or weakened by the crisis. It will select country case studies that are likely to test variation in how identities supportive of the European political order may have been affected by the crisis, and then use focus groups and media content analysis to test that variation. For this project, a possible primary discipline is cultural studies a secondary discipline is political science;

Supervision:

The successful candidate will be supervised by a senior scholar at the Faculty of International and Political Studies, depending on the proposal.

Mandatory secondments:

- Four-week non academic secondment at Democracy International (DI), Cologne, to gain practical experience from the civil society sector (February 2020)
- Co-supervision will be offered by a senior scholar at another PLATO partner university, to be selected by the network based on the submitted proposal. A three-month academic secondment will be undertaken at this university to cooperate with co-supervisor and other PLATO ESRs (in the period September 2018 to February 2019)

Phd Programme:

The successful candidate will be enrolled in one of the PhD programmes of the Faculty of International and Political Studies at the Jagiellonian University and the work will result in a doctorate in political science or humanities/cultural studies depending on the candidate's research proposal. The recruited candidate

will be automatically admitted to the PhD programme. If the person who is hired has a disciplinary background other than political science/cultural studies, additional courses may be required to complete the PhD programme.

Teaching:

The successful candidate will be obliged to teach or perform tasks connected to teaching in the amount of 15h/year.

Qualifications

Two important eligibility conditions apply to Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (MSCA) Innovative Training Networks (ITN):

- Candidates cannot have resided and carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Poland for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to 1 September 2017. If it is not evident from the application that this criterion is met, please include an explanation as part of your application.
- Candidates must be in the first four years (full-time equivalent) of her/his research career and not already be in the possession of a doctoral degree.

Further qualifications for the position:

- Master's degree in political science, media studies, sociology or equivalent social science degree, which includes at least two years of study at MA level. The master's thesis must have been submitted before the application deadline. A prerequisite for taking up the position is the successful completion of a master's degree.
- Strong academic record
- English language proficiency. If you are not a native English speaker, or if the language of instruction at your previous university was not English, we will ask you to provide evidence of strong English language skills. Please include English language test results in your application if this applies to you. English language tests should not be more than two years old at the time of application.

We offer

In addition to the benefits of taking a team PhD as part of PLATO, IES offers:

- Competitive salary including living, mobility and family allowances (if applicable).
- Academically stimulating working environment
- Vibrant, integrated and international research community

Assessment

In assessing the candidates, particular emphasis will be placed on the quality and originality of the project proposal as well as the individual project's fit within the overall research programme. Academic qualifications, writing skills, language proficiency and other qualifying experience will also be of key importance.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interviews in the period 6–17 March 2017. Job offers will be made by the end of April 2017.

Application procedure

Applications must be submitted via e-mail and should include all the necessary documents in electronic form. Please send your application to: plato@uj.edu.pl. The application must include the following documents:

- Letter of motivation
- Research proposal (2,000-3,000 words) ([Guidelines for the project proposal](#))
- Two letters of recommendation
- Copy of MA degree diploma(s)
- Copies of academic transcripts
- CV with full summary of education, practice, academic and non-academic work experience, language proficiency, positions of trust, and other qualifying/extra-curricular activities. The period of enrolment (admission-completion) in the Master's study programme must be specified

The application and all supporting documents must be provided in English.

Application deadline

31 January 2017

Location

Krakow, Poland

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