



GEM DIAMOND

PhD POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW & EUROPEAN STUDIES

Fellowship Call for Application

DEADLINE: July 3rd, 2022 – 17.00 CET

EARLY-STAGE RESEARCHER 10

**Socio-economic contestation
turned into democratic conflicts?
*EU comprehensive trade agreements in front of
parliaments: the CETA CASE***



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RESEARCH PROJECT

ENVIRONMENT

This 3-Year-long doctoral fellowship is offered as part of a specific collective project within a multiannual international research effort on **Globalisation, Europe, and Multilateralism (GEM)**. This project (2022-2026), coordinated by the Institut d'études européennes (IEE) at the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), will assess the EU's capacity to act given the challenges facing **Democratic Institutions**, the rise of **Alternative MOdels** and mounting **Normative Dissensus (DIAMOND)**.

GEM-DIAMOND is a *Marie Skłodowska Curie Action - Doctoral Network* (MSCA-DN) involving 7 European and 4 international degree-awarding Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) alongside 6 well-established non-academic institutions. The project will hire and train 16 doctoral fellows to help address knowledge gaps associated with the growing normative tensions undermining multilateral and democratic practice – for further information see www.gem-diamond.eu.

GEM-DIAMOND's overall research program will collectively tackle three shared knowledge gaps regarding contemporary strains on liberal democracy:

- **Objective 1:** Conceptualising the seemingly mounting dissensus surrounding liberal democracy.
- **Objective 2:** Unpacking the ambiguous role different actors can play as both champions and challengers of liberal democratic norms, values and practices.
- **Objective 3:** Assessing the impact of increased dissensus regarding liberal democracy on the policy instruments of the EU and its capacity to act in its internal and external policies.

Early-Stage Researcher n°10 (**ESR10**) is part of **GEM-DIAMOND**'s 3rd Work Package (WP3) entitled '*Internal contestation and its impact on the EU*'. WP3 includes 5 individual doctoral projects that will each develop a detailed analysis of a given case study elucidating the processes by which contestation regarding liberal democracy shapes the EU's capacity to act.

Both individually and collectively, the 5 PhD fellows associated with WP3 will produce detailed analyses of a range of case studies. These will explicit the processes by which contestation regarding liberal democracy shapes the EU's capacity to act. The five PhD fellows involved will adopt a process-centric approach, with each Researcher working on a different type of EU policy instrument. Ultimately, WP3 will **process-trace the institutional mechanisms connecting evolutions of the EU's regulatory, parliamentary, legal and trade instruments with the internal contestation** shaping these controversial policy fields.

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PROJECT (IRP)

Entitled '*Socio-economic contestation turned into democratic conflicts? EU comprehensive trade agreements in front of parliaments: the CETA case*' the individual research project of **ESR10** is in the fields of **International and Comparative Law** and **European Studies**

ESR10 will focus on parliamentary contestation. This IRP will scrutinise how contestation can affect the EU's ability to conclude comprehensive trade agreements. It will focus on the socio-economic and intersectional concerns raised during the European and Canadian democratic processes involved in the ratification, entry into force and implementation of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). The Researcher will assess how differences in the understanding of liberal democracy between the EU and Canada, between EU Member States and within several EU Member States paved the way to democratic conflicts within the parliaments and the legal systems involved.

As part of their application, candidates will be asked to submit a personal interpretation of the research project in the form a specific project proposal of 2-3 pages, including a research question, a theoretical framework, and a methodological strategy

OBJECTIVES

ESR10 will:

- Be hired for 36-months by LUISS as a Doctoral Researcher
- Work under the direction of a Joint Supervisory Trio involving:
 - **Pr. Cristina Fasone** (LUISS) – Co-Supervisor
 - **Pr. Richard Ouellet** (UL) – Co-supervisor
 - **Pr. Steven Blockmans** (CEPS) – Non-Academic Mentor
- A second EU-based institution within the consortium will be designated to contribute to the supervisory environment
- Individually work towards a double doctoral degree in 'Law and Business' under the joint supervision of Pr. **C. Fasone** (LUISS) and Pr. **R. Ouellet** (UL)
- Contribute to the collective work in WP3 seeking to describe the processes of contestation within the EU by focussing on parliamentary contestation
- Participate in all collective research and training activities and submit to the program's regular joint evaluations

EXPECTED RESULTS

ESR10 will:

1. Complete the Scheduled Mobility Agenda:
 - a. Training & Research Stay @ LUISS (Oct. 2022 - Sept. 2023)
 - b. Training & Research Stay @ UL (Oct. 2023 - June. 2024)

- c. Research Stay @ LUISS (July. 2024 - Dec. 2024)
 - d. Non-Academic Secondment @ CEPS (Jan. 2025 - April. 2025)
 - e. Research Stay @ LUISS (May. 2025 - Sept. 2025)
2. Successfully accomplish the doctoral training scheduled both at the local and GEM-DIAMOND levels.
 3. Secure a doctoral training certificate from LUISS & UL
 4. Contribute to a WP3 '**Joint framing paper on Contestation**'
 5. Contribute to two-project wide manuscripts:
 - a. A Handbook on 'Rethinking Impact in Political & Social Sciences'
 - b. An Edited Volume reflecting the shared conclusions of the project
 6. Submit an article to the International Studies Review (ISR)
 7. Write an original PhD dissertation on '*Socio-economic contestation turned into democratic conflicts? EU comprehensive trade agreements in front of parliaments: the CETA case*'

CO-SUPERVISORS

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HOST INSTITUTIONS

LUISS - Guido Carli (IT)

UL (CA)

TRAINING AND MOBILITY

MOBILITY PROGRAMME

- Oct. 2022 - Sept. 2023 @ LUISS (Rome, Italy)
- Oct. 2023 - June. 2024 @ LUISS (Québec, Canada)
- July. 2024 - Dec. 2024 @ LUISS (Rome, Italy)
- Jan. 2025 - April. 2025 @ CEPS (Brussels, Belgium)
- May. 2025 - Sept. 2025 @ LUISS (Rome, Italy)

TRAINING PROGRAMME

- 2022-2023 (Y1): Methodological training @ LUISS & GEM-DIAMOND Joint activities
- 2023-2024 (Y2): Methodological training @ UL & GEM-DIAMOND Joint activities
- 2024-2025 (Y3): GEM-DIAMOND Joint activities

NON-ACADEMIC SECONDMENT

Year 3 (Jan. 2025 - April. 2025)

Non-Academic Secondment at **Centre for European Policy Studies** (Brussels, Belgium)

Non-Academic Mentor: Prof. **Steven Blockmans**

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POST DESCRIPTION

TITLE

Marie Curie Doctoral Fellow

HIRING INSTITUTION

LUISS - Guido Carli (Rome, Italy)

DURATION

36 Months (1 October 2022 – 30 September 2025)

INCOME

4000€ Gross per month (48.000€ / year).

NB: this is a gross EU contribution to the salary cost of the researcher. The net salary will result from deducting all compulsory (employer/employee) social security contributions as well as direct taxes.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Full Social Coverage

Travel & Research Funds

Family Allowance per month - *When applicable*

REQUIREMENTS

DEGREE

Top level graduate degree (Master or equivalent providing access to PhD programs - EQF Level 7). Having a background in Law and/or International Relations will be a plus.

MINIMAL CREDITS

Applicants must submit at least one diploma meeting one of the following requirements: (1) a two-year master program (120 ECTS) or equivalent, (2) a one-year graduate program following a prior undergraduate degree if both diplomas total at least 300 ECTS or equivalent; (3) a single four-year higher education program offering 300 ECTS or more.

LANGUAGE

English proficiency must be attested either through a previous English language diploma, or an internationally recognised proficiency test (i.e., IELTS, IBT, TOEFL or Cambridge). A good knowledge of French, also attested through an internationally recognised certification, is a preferential title for the selection.

CAREER

The researcher should be in the first four years of their research careers at the time of recruitment and have not been awarded a doctoral degree so far.

SPECIFIC SKILLS

Ideally the knowledge of French is also attested through an internationally recognized certification or a prior French-language degree.

- The preferred candidate has:
- a good knowledge of the European integration process, EU foreign and trade policy and is familiar with the basic concepts of public law and with process-tracing
- the ability to critically read and comment on research reports and academic publications
- a proven record of writing and presentation skills
- a willingness to organise, moderate and contribute to events
- a desire to invest in building and maintaining a growing research network
- an ability to organise own activities, enjoys teamwork and is open to giving and receiving feedback.

MOBILITY

At the time of recruitment, the researcher must not have resided, or carried out his/her activity in the country of the first host institution (i.e., Italy) for more than

12 months cumulatively in the 3 years prior to October 2022

NON-DISCRIMINATION

No discrimination will be made on the base of nationality, gender, race, religion or disability.

APPLICATION

Complete and timely submission via the on-line application system.

HOW TO APPLY

MAY 20th, 2022 TILL JULY 3rd, 2022

Online application system open and accessible through the GEM-DIAMOND website (www.gem-diamond.eu)

BY JULY 3rd, 2022 17.00 CET

Candidates must apply through the GEM-DIAMOND online application system, which will request the following information:

- A personal profile form (incl. CV overview)
- A scientific profile form (incl. ESR's expression of interest, statement of motivation and personal interpretation of the research project)
- A full academic CV
- An academic record with scan of the degree qualifications
- A proof of language proficiency
- Two academic recommendation letters

BETWEEN JULY 11th & JULY 20th 2022

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an online interview with their supervisory trio (two academic supervisors + internship mentor).

BY JULY 21st 2022

Shortlisted candidates will be informed about final decision.
This offer is conditional to the signature of the Grant Agreement.

BY OCTOBER 31st 2022

Selected candidate to arrive at the LUISS (Rome, Italy) to start his/her training and research.

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