



GEM DIAMOND

PhD POSITION IN POLITICAL ECONOMY & EUROPEAN STUDIES

Fellowship Call for Application

DEADLINE: July 3rd, 2022 – 17.00 CET

EARLY-STAGE RESEARCHER 2

The capitalism-democracy nexus and struggles over
European governance



Doctoral Fellowships are funded as part of a European Joint Doctorate supported by the European Commission's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action.

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°2 (**ESR2**) is part of **GEM-DIAMOND's** 1st Work Package (WP1) entitled '*Conceptualising Growing Dissensus over Liberal Democracy*'. WP1 includes 4 individual doctoral projects that will each unpack a key strand of dissensus facing liberal democratic norms, principles, and values from a distinct disciplinary point of view.

Both individually and collectively, the 4 PhD fellows associated with WP1 will provide the conceptual clarification of dissensus needed to understand how it affects EU policy instruments. WP1 will neither review the normative underpinnings of the theory of democracy nor revisit existing work on deliberative democracy in Europe, it will rather seek to characterise what makes present-day dissensus erode institutional trust and thus uniquely challenging to existing democratic practices, including deliberative ones. Each of the four individual research projects will lead up to a Double Doctoral Manuscript which will contribute to this effort from a specific discipline. Ultimately, WP1 will **combine four disciplinary theory-building efforts to**

sketch an interdisciplinary understanding of contemporary dissensus surrounding liberal democracy in Europe.

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PROJECT (IRP)

Entitled *'The capitalism-democracy nexus and struggles over European governance'* the individual research project of **ESR2** is in the fields of **International Political Economy** and **European Studies**.

The ESR2 will tackle the concept of dissensus from a political economy & politics perspective by analysing how the rise of EU economic, fiscal and social governance "from one crisis to another" constitutes a challenge to representative democracy. The empirical focus of the foreseen individual doctoral research will deal with specific forms of sociological, institutional and/or discursive underpinnings of EU economic governance; its aim will be to shed a light on one or several arenas, type(s) of actors (political, administrative, legal, economic, academic etc.) and critical junctures that have shaped the controversies over the EU seen as a locus of power, its institutional structure as well as its distributional effects.

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, a methodological strategy, and a justification for the suggested empirical choices.

OBJECTIVES

ESR2 will:

- Be hired for at least 36-months by Paris1 as a Doctoral Researcher
- Work under the direction of a Joint Supervisory Trio involving:
 - **Pr. Antoine Vauchez** (Paris1) – Co-supervisor
 - **Pr. Amandine Crespy** (ULB) – Co-Supervisor
 - **Dr. Cinzia Alcidi** (CEPS) – Non-Academic Mentor
- Individually Work towards a double doctoral degree in 'Political and Science Sciences' under the joint supervision of **A. Vauchez** (Paris1) and **A. Crespy** (ULB)
- Provide an International Political Economy perspective to the development of the concept of 'Dissensus', notably through a shared typology
- Participate in all collective research and training activities and submit to the program's regular joint evaluations

EXPECTED RESULTS

ESR 2 will:

1. Complete the Scheduled Mobility Agenda:
 - a. Training & Research Stay @ Paris1 (Oct. 2022- Aug. 2023)
 - b. Training & Research Stay @ ULB (Sept. 2023-Dec. 2023)

- c. Non-Academic Secondment @ CEPS (Jan. 2024-April 2024)
 - d. Research Stay @ ULB (Mai. 2024 – Sept. 2024)
 - e. Research Stay @ Paris1 (Oct. 2024 - Sept. 2025)
2. Successfully accomplish the doctoral training scheduled both at the local and GEM-DIAMOND levels.
 3. Secure a doctoral training certificate from the ULB and Paris1
 4. Contribute to a joint WP1 'Framing paper on Dissensus'
 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 Journal of European Integration (JEI).
 7. Write an original PhD dissertation on '*The capitalism-democracy nexus and struggles over European governance*'.

CO-SUPERVISORS

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HOST INSTITUTIONS

Paris1 (FR)

ULB (BE)

PHD PROGRAMME

PhD in Political and Social Sciences

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TRAINING AND MOBILITY

MOBILITY PROGRAMME

- Oct. 2022 - Aug. 2023 @ Paris1 (Paris, France)
- Sept. 2023 - Dec. 2023 @ ULB (Brussels, Belgium)
- Jan. 2024 - April 2024 @ CEPS (Brussels, Belgium)
- May 2024 - Sept. 2024 @ ULB (Brussels, Belgium)
- Oct. 2024 - Sept. 2025 @ Paris1 (Paris, France)

TRAINING PROGRAMME

- 2022-2023 (Y1): Methodological training @Paris1 + GEM-DIAMOND Joint activities
- 2023-2024(Y2): GEM-DIAMOND Joint activities
- 2024-2025 (Y3): GEM-DIAMOND Joint activities

NON-ACADEMIC SECONDMENT

Year 2 (January 2024 – April 2024)
Non-Academic Secondment at Center for European Policy Studies (Brussels, Belgium)
Non-Academic Mentor: Cinzia Alcidi
E-mail: cinzia.alcidi@ceps.eu

POST DESCRIPTION

TITLE

Marie Curie Doctoral Fellow

HIRING INSTITUTION

Université Paris1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris, France)

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 in Political or Social Sciences).

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).

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

intermediate proficiency in French will be considered an asset.

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. France) 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:

1. A personal profile form (incl. CV overview)
2. A scientific profile form (incl. ESR's expression of interest, statement of motivation and personal interpretation of the research project)
3. A full academic CV

4. An academic record with scan of the degree qualifications
5. A proof of language proficiency
6. 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 Paris1 (Paris, France) to start his/her training and research.

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