



GEM DIAMOND

PhD POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & EUROPEAN STUDIES

Fellowship Call for Application

DEADLINE: July 3rd, 2022 – 17.00 CET

EARLY-STAGE RESEARCHER 4

**EU grand strategy in a competitive system:
European liberal democracy in a multipolar world**



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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°4 (**ESR4**) 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 *'EU grand strategy in a competitive system: European liberal democracy in a 7 multipolar world'* the individual research project of **ESR4** is in the fields of **International Relations** and **European Studies**.

ESR4 will approach the concept of dissensus from an International Relations perspective. This IRP will shed new light on the global dimension of the dissensus and what it means for the EU's position on the global stage, its geopolitical calculations and foreign policy practices. It will seek to systematically scrutinise the nature of the dissensus facing the EU's external agenda. It will describe how alternative framings of good governance, the rule of law and individual rights championed by emerging authoritarian centres of gravity have altered EU foreign & diplomatic action.

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

ESR4 will:

- Be hired for 36-months by LUISS as a Doctoral Researcher
- Work under the direction of a Joint Supervisory Trio involving:
 - **Pr. Raffaele Marchetti** (LUISS) – Co-Supervisor
 - **Pr. Anders Wivel** (UCPH) – Co-supervisor
 - **Dr. Alessia Chiriatti** (IAI) – Non-Academic Mentor
- Individually work towards a double doctoral degree in 'International Relations' under the joint supervision of Pr. **R. Marchetti** (LUISS) and Pr. **A. Wivel** (UCPH)
- Provide an International Relations perspective to the collective work in WP1 geared towards clarifying 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 4 will:

1. Complete the Scheduled Mobility Agenda:
 - a. Training & Research Stay @ LUISS (Oct. 2022 - Aug. 2023)
 - b. Training & Research Stay @ UCPH (Sept. 2023 - Avril. 2024)
 - c. *Research Stay @ LUISS (May 2024 - Dec. 2024)*
 - d. Non-Academic Secondment @ IAI (Jan. 2025 – Avril 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 &UCPH
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 International Studies Review (ISR)
7. Write an original PhD dissertation on *EU grand strategy in a competitive system: European liberal democracy in a multipolar world'*.

CO-SUPERVISORS

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HOST INSTITUTIONS

Luiss University (IT)

UCPH (DK)

PhD PROGRAMME

PhD in Law and business

PhD in Political Science

TRAINING AND MOBILITY

MOBILITY PROGRAMME

- Oct. 2022 - Aug. 2023 @ LUISS (Rome, Italy)
- Sept. 2023 - Avril. 2024 @ UCPH (Copenhagen, Denmark)
- May 2024 - Dec. 2024 @ LUISS (Rome, Italy)
- Jan. 2025 – April 2025 @ IAI (Rome Italy)
- May 2025 - Sept. 2025 @ LUISS (Rome, Italy)

TRAINING PROGRAMME

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

NON-ACADEMIC SECONDMENT

Year 3 (January 2025 – April 2025)

Non-Academic Secondment at the Istituto Affari Internazionali (Rome, Italy)

Non-Academic Mentor: **Dr. Alessia Chiriatti**

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POST DESCRIPTION

TITLE

Marie Curie Doctoral Fellow

HIRING INSTITUTION

LuiSS University, 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 Political or Social Sciences 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).

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

Excellent command of IR theories. Knowledge of non-European languages is an advantage. Proven experience of working in a team will be a plus.

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:

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 LUISS-Guido Carli (Rome, Italy) to start his/her training and research.

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