



GEM DIAMOND

PhD POSITION IN SOCIOLOGY & EUROPEAN STUDIES

Fellowship Call for Application

DEADLINE: July 3rd, 2022 – 17.00 CET

EARLY-STAGE RESEARCHER 6

The 'resistance' social movement: towards a re-politicisation of the European public sphere



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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°6 (**ESR6**) - the fellowship and individual project advertised in this call - is part of **GEM-DIAMOND's** 2nd Work Package (WP2) entitled '*Unpacking actors of dissensus*'. WP2 includes 4 individual doctoral projects that will help map the network of actors of dissensus as each one will work on a specific type of actor.

Both individually and collectively, the 4 PhD fellows associated with WP2 will help with the *mapping of the main actor networks* that play a role in contemporary dissensus regarding liberal democracy in Europe. Centred on the multi-level European polity, WP2 will identify the challengers seeking to transform democratic and rule of law practice, be it either to undermine existing liberal democratic regimes in an anti-liberal perspective or to recast them through new forms of participation and deliberation. The four PhD fellows involved will adopt an actor-centric approach, with each Researcher focusing on a specific type of actor. Ultimately, WP2 will **map and analyse the legal, political, societal, and technocratic actor networks active within the EU institutions and its MS** driving dissensus in the EU.

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PROJECT (IRP)

Entitled 'The 'resistance' social movement: towards a re-politicisation of the European public sphere' the individual research project of **ESR6** is in the fields of **Sociology and European Studies**

ESR6 will focus on societal mobilisation networks (at urban, regional, national or supranational level). This IRP will explore how EU instruments have impacted social mobilisation contesting institutions, norms, values and practices associated with liberal democracy. Political mobilisation networks are also involved in challenging liberal principles, such as the separation of powers or LGBTIQ+ rights. They have even at times formally supported the principles of the rule of law and democracy but championed practices that contradict these same principles. This IRP will explore how such ambiguous realities have affected the EU's continued commitment to include societal forces in its efforts at democratic consolidation.

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

ESR6 will:

- Be hired for at least 36-months by UBB as a Doctoral Researcher
- Work under the direction of a Joint Supervisory Trio involving:
 - **Pr. Sergiu Mişcoiu** (UBB) – Co-Supervisor
 - **Pr. Sandro Cattacin** (UNIGE) – Co-supervisor
 - **Dr. Kai Brand-Jacobsen** (PATRIR) – 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 'Social Sciences' under the joint supervision of Pr. **S. Mişcoiu** (UBB) and Pr. **S. Cattacin** (UNIGE)
- Provide a sociological perspective to the collective work in WP2 seeking to map

- of 'actors of dissensus' in Europe
- Participate in all collective research and training activities and submit to the program's regular joint evaluations

EXPECTED RESULTS

ESR6 will:

1. Complete the Scheduled Mobility Agenda:
 - a. Training & Research Stay @ UBB (Oct. 2022 - Sept. 2023)
 - b. Training & Research Stay @ UNIGE (Oct. 2023 - May 2024)
 - c. Non-Academic Secondment @ FIDH (Jun. 2024 - Sept. 2024)
 - d. *Research Stay @ UBB (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 UBB & UNIGE
4. Contribute to a WP2 '**Joint Mapping of Actors of 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 'resistance' social movement: towards a re-politicisation of the European public sphere*'

CO-SUPERVISORS

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HOST INSTITUTIONS

UBB (RO)

UNIGE (CH)

TRAINING AND MOBILITY

MOBILITY PROGRAMME

- Oct. 2022 - Sept. 2023 @ UBB (Cluj-Napoca, Rumania)
- Oct. 2023 - May 2024 @ UNIGE (Geneva, Switzerland)
- June. 2024 - Sept 2024 @ PATRIR (Cluj-Napoca, Romania)
- Oct. 2024 - Sept. 2025 @ UBB (Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

TRAINING PROGRAMME

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

NON-ACADEMIC SECONDMENT

Year 2 (June 2024 - Sept 2024)

Non-Academic Secondment at the **Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania** (Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

Non-Academic Mentor: **Kai Brand-Jacobsen**

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POST DESCRIPTION

TITLE

Marie Curie Doctoral Fellow

HIRING INSTITUTION

UBB (Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

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

Two-Year MA programme (120 ECTS)

MINIMAL CREDITS

Applicants must submit at least one diploma meeting one of the following requirements: (1) a two-year master program (120 ECTS)

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.

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., Romania) 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, 2012

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 JULY 30th 2022

Selected candidate will produce all the required documents in order to receive the letter of accession from the Romanian Ministry of Education

BY SEPT. 30th 2022

Selected candidate will sign the doctoral contract with UBB Cluj-Napoca

BY OCTOBER 31st 2022

Selected candidate to arrive at the UBB (Cluj-Napoca, Romania) to start his/her training and research.

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