



5th Max Weber Programme Academic Careers Observatory Conference

"Enhancing the Efficiency of European Research Funding in the Social Sciences (in Times of Financial Restraint)"

**San Domenico di Fiesole
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One of the key objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy is to enhance the quality and international attractiveness of Europe's higher education system by promoting student and young professional mobility. Among others, this process implies adequate and efficient research funding across the European Research Area. Since its founding, the Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) of the Max Weber Post-Doctoral Programme (MWP) of the European University Institute (EUI) has been monitoring the development of national academic systems, and the different types of funding provided by the EU and its Member states. The target of the ACO is junior scholars in the area of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH).

The 5th MWP-ACO conference will gather together academics, policy-makers and representatives of European and national funding agencies to discuss how to enhance the efficiency of different national and supra-national research funding schemes. The discussion on what constitutes best practice and on the most glaring problems will be enriched by the presentation of the "Preliminary Results of the Survey on Research Funding in the Social Sciences and Humanities in Europe", jointly organized with the European Economic Association (EEA) and the European Sociological Association (ESA). In the afternoon, the conference will focus on funding possibilities for young researchers during times of financial restraint and will involve direct consultations with the speakers and moderators.

For further information and registration email MWPacademiccareers@eui.eu



Conference Programme

09.15-10.15: “Preliminary Results of the Survey on Research Funding in the Social Sciences and Humanities in Europe (jointly organized with the European Economic Association and the European Sociological Association)”. Chaired by **Giunia Gatta**, Max Weber Fellow.

- **Ramon Marimon**, Director of the Max Weber Programme

Comments by invited speakers and other participants, followed by discussion

10.15-10.45: Coffee break

10.45-12.15: Roundtable: “How National and European Research Funding is Responding to the Current Financial Stress?”. Chaired by **Reuben Kline**, Max Weber Fellow.

European funding

- **Alejandro Martin Hobdey**, European Research Council
- **Frank Marx**, European Commission, Research Executive Agency

National funding agencies

- **Lígia Amâncio**, Foundation for Science and Technology (Portugal)
- **Clara Eugenia García**, Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation
- **Eckard Kämper**, German Research Foundation
- **Marianne Wikgren**, Swedish Research Council

Other national experts

- **Wolfgang Leininger**, Technical University Dortmund
- **Stephen Yeo**, Centre for Economic Policy Research



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12.15-13.30: Lunch

13.30-15.00: Presentations: “Applying for funding opportunities for young researchers”. Chaired by **Dean Vuletić**, Max Weber Fellow.

- **ERC**, Alejandro Martin Hobdey, European Research Council
- **Marie Curie Actions**, Frank Marx, European Commission, Research Executive Agency
- **Germany**, Eckard Kämper, German Research Foundation
- **Portugal**, Lúgia Amâncio, Foundation for Science and Technology
- **Spain**, Clara Eugenia García, Ministry of Science and Innovation
- **Sweden**, Marianne Wikgren, Swedish Research Council

Q&A

15.00-15.30: Coffee break

15.30-17.00: Individual tutorials on funding opportunities (15' each)

20.00: Dinner (by invitation only)