



6th Max Weber Programme Academic Careers Observatory Conference

"Funding Opportunities in the Social Sciences in the European Research Area: Providers, Users and Professional Associations"

**San Domenico di Fiesole
Villa la Fonte, 30 November 2011**

One of the key objectives to increase the international attractiveness of the European Research Area is to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of research funding, especially through the dissemination of best practice. To this end, the Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) of the Max Weber Programme (MWP) carried out the "Survey on Research Funding for the Social Sciences in Europe", jointly organized with the European Economic Association (EEA), the European Sociological Association (ESA) and the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR). The first part of the 6th MWP-ACO conference will be devoted to the presentation of the Survey's results. These will provide the basis for a debate on the best strategies to achieve excellence in the provision and usage of research funding opportunities at European and national levels. The debate will be enriched through the participation of representatives of European and national funding agencies, research scholars and leading members of academic professional associations.

The second part of the conference will be dedicated to the presentation of funding opportunities provided by European and national agencies, with a focus on young researchers in the Social Sciences and Humanities. The presenters will share with the audience the details about application procedures, the relevant deadlines and statistics as well as some practical tips to successfully apply for funding. The conference will end with direct consultations between the speakers and moderators.

For further information and registration email MWPacademiccareers@eui.eu



Conference Programme

09.00-11.00: “Survey on Research Funding in the Social Sciences and Humanities in Europe (jointly organized with the European Economic Association, the European Sociological Association and the European Consortium for Political research)”.

Chaired by **Birgit Apitzsch**, Max Weber Fellow.

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

With the participation of:

- **Maria Carmela Agodi**, European Sociological Association
- **Luciano Bardi**, European Consortium for Political Research
- **Marc Ivaldi**, European Economic Association
- **Luis Sanz Menéndez**, CSIC Institute of Public Goods and Policies and OECD Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy (CSTP)

Comments by invited speakers and other participants.

- Part I: discussion of the Report’s findings and comments by the representatives of research funding agencies at European and national levels.
- Part II: proposals to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of research funding, by providers, users and professional associations.

11.00-11.30: Coffee break



11.30-12.15: Presentations: “Applying for funding opportunities for young researchers”. The European agencies. Chaired by **Tomás Rodríguez Barraquer**, Max Weber Fellow.

- **Monique Smaïhi**, European Research Council
- **Frank Marx**, European Commission, Research Executive Agency

Comments by invited speakers and other participants, followed by discussion

12.15-13.30: Lunch

13.30-15.00: Presentations: “Applying for funding opportunities for young researchers”. The national agencies. Chaired by **Leen Vandecasteele**, Max Weber Fellow.

- **Alexa Mills**, Economic and Social Research Council, United Kingdom
- **Eckard Kämper**, German Research Foundation, Germany
- **Jakub Wojnarowski**, Foundation for Polish Science, Poland
- **Marcel Kullin**, Swiss National Science Foundation, Switzerland
- **Luis Sanz Menéndez**, CSIC Institute of Public Goods and Policies, Spain

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)