



## 4<sup>th</sup> Max Weber Programme Academic Careers Observatory Conference

### “Openness and Competition in European Research Funding: Grants for International Researchers”

San Domenico di Fiesole  
Villa la Fonte, 11 November, 2009

The creation of a common and open European space for research has become a key competitive factor towards the achievement of the objectives of the Lisbon Strategy. This process implies the free circulation of researchers (the “fifth” EU freedom) and the internationalisation of academic careers. Over the last four years, the Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) of the Max Weber Post-Doctoral Programme (MWP) of the European University Institute has been monitoring the development and accessibility of national academic systems, and the different types of fellowships and grants provided by the EU and its Member states. The target of the ACO is researchers at an early stage of their career in the area of social sciences and humanities (SSH). The 4<sup>th</sup> MWP-ACO conference will gather together academics, policy-makers and representatives of European and national funding agencies to discuss not only how different national and supra-national systems work but also to provide practical information on research schemes and grants available to international researchers. This information includes how to draft an application properly, the application procedures, success rates of international applicants, and more. In the afternoon, there will be time for individual consultations with the speakers.

For further information and registration email [MWPacademiccareers@eui.eu](mailto:MWPacademiccareers@eui.eu).

## Conference Programme

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09.15-10.45: "An European Research Area for young researchers? ERA's achievements and challenges". Chaired by **Irit Samet**, Max Weber Fellow

- **Ramon Marimon**, Director of the Max Weber Programme
- **Luc Soete**, UNU-MERIT
- **Alejandro Martin Hobdey**, European Research Council
- **Marianne Paasi**, European Commission, EUI fellow

Comments from **Nadia Steiber**, **Antonio Miralles** and **Luminita Gatejel**, Max Weber Fellows, followed by discussion

10.45-11.15: Coffee break

11.15-12.50: "National and Regional strategies in opening research funding and making it internationally competitive". Chaired by **Claudius Torp**, Max Weber Fellow

- **Frank P. Scioli**, USA National Science Foundation
- **Eili Ervelä-Myrreen**, Academy of Finland
- **Erika Szendrak**, Research funding and science policy advisor, Secretary of IGLO
- **Annette Schmidtman**, German Research Foundation
- **Tullio Jappelli**, University "Federico II" of Naples

Comments from **Holger Döring** and **Sarolta Laczo**, Max Weber Fellows, followed by discussion

12.50-14.00: Lunch



**14.00-15.45: Roundtable “Applying for funding opportunities for young researchers”.**

Chaired by Gianluigi Fioriglio, Max Weber Fellow

- **UK**, Rachel Tyrrell, ESRC (videoconference)
- **USA**, Frank P. Scioli, National Science Foundation
- **France**, Diane Roman, French National Research Agency
- **Germany**, Annette Schmidtman, German Research Foundation
- **Spain**, Cecilia Cabello Valdés, FECYT
- **Hungary**, Erika Szendrak, research funding and science policy advisor, Secretary of IGLO
- **Finland**, Eili Ervelä-Myréen, Academy of Finland

Q&A

15.45-16.15: Coffee break

16.15-17.45: Individual tutorials on funding opportunities (15' each)

20.00: Dinner (by invitation only)