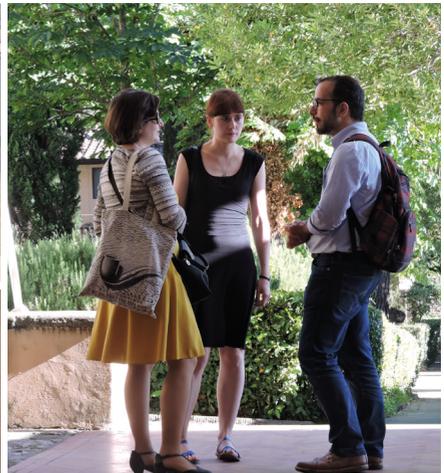




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# Aims and Description of the Programme

## Introduction

Welcome to the Max Weber Programme (MWP), and congratulations on making it into one of the most selective and prestigious postdoctoral programmes in the world. The Max Weber Programme is distinctive in three main ways. First, it is a global programme located in an international institution that is dedicated to research in just four core disciplines: Economics, History, Law and Social and Political Science. Second, it has a critical mass of around 60 Fellows from over 25 countries. Third, and as a result of these two features, it differs from most postdoctoral programmes that consist of little more than a stipend and a place to work. Instead, it offers a programme with a dedicated philosophy of postdoctoral studies. This programmatic quality lies at the heart of its phenomenal success in placing 96% of Fellows in some of the best academic institutions worldwide.

The underlying philosophy of the MWP has the following two main components. First, a belief that intellectual community, interlocutorship and scholarly synergetic exchanges – not only within but also between disciplines – are fundamental to the early phase of one’s academic career and significantly enhance the quality of the individual research undertaken during the postdoctoral Fellowship. Second, the conviction that a successful academic career (and success in the so-called academic ‘market place’) does not only depend on high quality research and publications but also on learning and understanding the world of ‘academic

practice': teaching, examining, writing and speaking well, competitive bidding for research funds and the like.

Two main features of the programme give expression to this philosophy: the multidisciplinary research activities and the academic practice activities, which are both described below. Most of these activities are both flexible and voluntary: it is up to you to decide how much or how little you want to participate in them, and we try to tailor much of it to individuals – as in the advice offered on practice job talks and interviews. By and large, Fellows do around 50% of what we offer. The most demanding element time wise is the Teaching Certificate, though the overwhelming majority of Fellows who do choose to take it have found the commitment worthwhile. They also generally get an exemption from components of similar programmes that many universities now make compulsory for new academic staff.

However, we have also found certain compulsory elements valuable both for intellectual community building among Fellows and enhancing their appreciation of each other's disciplines and research, and for ensuring Fellows get the most personally from the advice and resources available to them within the MWP and the EUI more generally. As a result, we insist on the following core elements (most of which are expanded on below):

**1) Residence** – Fellows are required to live in the area of Florence for the duration of their Fellowship so that they may play an active part in the Programme and in the academic activities of their department.

**2) Participation in the September Presentations** – These provide an opportunity for all Fellows to get acquainted with each other's research, to chat informally together and with EUI Professors, and for the MW Team to assess their presentation skills.

**3) Attendance at the Max Weber Lectures** – As we note below, these aim at opening up the intellectual horizons of Fellows (and staff) by exposing them to cutting-edge research across the disciplines of the Programme, while providing a plenary monthly gathering of all Fellows along with many researchers and Professors across the EUI community.

**4) Submission of a Working Paper** – All Fellows should be writing articles and/

or books while at the EUI. This provides not only a check on progress but also, and more importantly, an occasion for us to help both substantively and formally in an intensive way with a key piece of research.

**5) Participation in the June Conference** – This provides a final plenary occasion to participate in the intellectual community of the MWP and an opportunity to meet with members of the global Max Weber network.

**6) Individual Page for the MWP Annual Report** – This forms a core component of our reporting to stakeholders on the progress of Fellows over the course of the academic year. It also offers an opportunity to showcase your achievements by providing a useful summary of what you have accomplished over your time at the EUI.

**7) Furthermore, we highly recommend that you use the opportunity to submit a Research Proposal** – As we observe below, like the Working Paper the Research Proposal relates to the production of a statement about Future Research that all Fellows will need to do in one form or another over the course of their period in the MWP. This exercise provides an opportunity for input from the MWP into this core academic activity.

## Multidisciplinary Research Activities

The Multidisciplinary Research Activities aim at improving the Max Weber Fellows' understanding of the four disciplines of the Programme. In particular, we hope to lead Fellows to appreciate the distinctive contribution different disciplines may make to illuminating a given issue or problem, and – more ambitiously – to see the possible advantages and disadvantages of combining them in various ways within an interdisciplinary approach. There is no requirement on Fellows to become either multi- or inter-disciplinary researchers. The claim is more modest – that we are more rounded intellectually and better researchers if we have a broad grasp of how a given issue or event might involve a wide range of factors that relate to each other in complex ways and appreciate how these can be explored and understood from a number of disciplinary perspectives.

## **MAX WEBER LECTURES (MWL)**

The monthly Max Weber Lectures are given by leading scholars from around the world working in one or more of the four disciplines of the EUI. Attendance at the Lectures is compulsory for all Fellows. The Programme aims to invite scholars who address topical issues from a multi or inter-disciplinary perspective that will appeal to the EUI academic community as a whole. The aim of these Lectures is to promote intellectual curiosity about the various ways we can study human societies. Hence, speakers should not be expected to be talking directly about the topics any particular Fellows might be researching themselves or to adopt certain methodologies they may be using. Some may do so, but most others will not. But as a result, they will expand one's intellectual horizons.

We strive to have at least one of the lecturers related to each of the Thematic Research Groups (TRG), and the group will have an opportunity to organize a Master Class on the following day with the relevant lecturer. Most lecturers also do a videoed interview on their work with one or more of the Fellows. All lecturers will also be available to discuss the work of Fellows on an informal basis.

## **OCCASIONAL MAX WEBER LECTURES**

The Max Weber Lectures have to be organised well in advance, with suggestions coming from Academic staff and former Fellows. The Occasional Lectures series allows current Fellows to suggest speakers who work more directly on their topics and who they feel may also be of interest to a broad group of Fellows, Professors and Researchers. Suggestions should be made to the Director. Occasional Lectures can often be combined with Multidisciplinary Workshops.

## **MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH WORKSHOPS (MRW)**

All Fellows have an opportunity to organize a day or half-day workshop or mini-conference involving other Fellows, possibly one or two external speakers, and often a number of EUI Faculty and researchers as well. Ideally, workshops should involve Fellows from more than one discipline. The deadline for proposals is 13 November.

## **MISSION FUNDING**

All Fellows receive 1,000 euros for research missions for activities such as at-

tendance at conferences or visits to archives. All research activities must be approved in advance and a draft budget prepared: you will not be able to claim back expenses that were not previously approved. You can discuss your planned missions beforehand with Ognjen Aleksić and Karin Tilmans, who can give approval and help with putting together the necessary forms. Fellows with a two year Fellowship may carry over up to 500 euros from their first year, to give them a maximum of 1,500 euros in their second year.

Economics and SPS Fellows on the job market in their second or third year will receive up to 2,000 euros rather than the standard 1,000 euros due to the high cost of attending the main job market meetings in the USA, UK and Spain. The additional 1,000 euros must be used for this purpose, and appropriate proof be provided.

All other Fellows can apply for up to 500 euros in addition to their allocation of 1,000 euros. As with the 1,000 euro job market allocation for SPS and ECO Fellows in their second year, this money is restricted to Fellows who need funding to attend an interview. Fellows will need to provide proof that they have an interview and affirm that their prospective employer has not covered their expenses.

## **MAX WEBER CONFERENCES**

Each year the Max Weber Programme hosts two major conferences: an Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) MWP Conference in winter, which focuses on funding opportunities and the changing career structures of universities; and the Social Issues for Social Sciences MW Fellows' Conference in June, where all current and a selection of former Fellows present their work, and which provides a suitable summing up of the research they have undertaken over the year.

The ACO-MWP Conference brings together an unparalleled group of European, national and international research funders. They will introduce Fellows to the funding programmes and offer advice on their potential applications. We also bring in a team of experts on writing research proposals. Writing a draft executive summary of a Research Proposal is an activity we highly recommend to Fellows, and Fellows are encouraged to take advantage of this conference for help with this important exercise.

Presenting at the June Conference – either in a panel or through a Poster – is also a requirement of the Programme. Fellows are encouraged to participate in the Conference’s organisation, including the selection of external paper givers from among up to 20 former Max Weber Fellows and any Marie Curie Fellows who apply. The Organisation Committee can also select one of the plenary speakers, two others being the two honorary doctorands. This Conference offers an overview of what Fellows have been doing during the academic year, and is an appropriate conclusion to the Max Weber Programme’s activities.

### **THEMATIC RESEARCH GROUPS (TRG)**

The core of the Programme’s multidisciplinary activities are the Thematic Research Groups (TRG). These groups are organized on a multidisciplinary basis and bring together Fellows from different disciplines working on a similar range of issues. Faculty members from at least two different departments act as Academic Leads for the Group. The groups should meet regularly throughout the course of the academic year. Some consist of a seminar with external speakers, others operate more as a working group in which the members present their work. However, all TRGs must allow Fellows to discuss general research issues related to the group’s theme, either in the context of a Master Class with a Max Weber Lecturer or other external speakers, through reading recent or classic texts in their disciplines, or in some other manner determined by the group, and allow Fellows to present and get feedback on their Research Proposal and Working Paper.

Fellows not allocated to a TRG who would like either to join an existing TRG or suggest a new TRG are free to do so and should speak to the Director. Those already allocated to a TRG may also move to a new TRG or suggest an alternative grouping if they so wish.

### **WORKING PAPERS**

Working Papers (WP) are another compulsory part of the Max Weber Programme. They are a way of ensuring that all Fellows produce a piece of research of publishable quality that has benefited from peer feedback from both a substantive and formal (linguistic and presentational) point of view. We are aware that not all disciplines use the WP format to the same degree; Fellows are

therefore invited to view the requirement flexibly as an occasion to produce draft articles or book chapters if these are more appropriate formats in their fields. We would like to see WP(s) appear in the EUI's open-access repository Cadmus, as this will not only insure that they will be widely disseminated but also provide a concrete output of the research undertaken by Fellows during their time in the Programme. However we appreciate that some Fellows may wish the WP not to be made public, and if adequately motivated this is also an option.

Working papers can be submitted at any time between September 2019 and the end of December 2020. Fellows should start work on their papers early in the year, presenting them in the context of their Thematic Group and using the Academic Skills offerings to support their presenting and writing. At least one WP must be sent to Alyson Price no later than 31 March 2020, who will forward it to your mentor/thematic group convenor for approval. Extensions are granted in exceptional circumstances; if necessary, please contact Dorothee Bohle.

### WORKING PAPER PROCESS

- present your WP in your thematic group or in an Academic Practice group
- send your WP to Alyson at any time but no later than 31 March 2020
- expect feedback from your mentor/convenor
- respond to feedback
- send your final version to Alyson for editing
- accept/reject editing suggestions and return your final version to Alyson
- paper formatted for Cadmus, you sign off on the final copy
- your paper appears on Cadmus within a few days

If, for well-motivated reasons, you would prefer your paper to go into the Red Number Series, which does not appear on Cadmus, contact Alyson as early in the process as possible.

### RESEARCH PROPOSAL

What we call the Research Proposal is a short proposal (typically between 2 and a maximum of 5 pages) conceived as the core section of a possible grant proposal. The Research Proposal is a **highly recommended element** of the Max Weber Programme.

All academics will regularly have to write research proposals over the course of their careers, in many cases even to get internal funding from their own in-

stitution. Such proposals will often have to be written in English to allow for international peer review. Moreover, they may well be read in the first instance by a multidisciplinary group of selectors. First impressions can be crucial to the success of a research proposal being selected for more expert peer review. The aim of this exercise is to help Fellows make their research stand out from the crowd and to present their key ideas in crisp and clear English.

Many Fellows use the Research Proposal as the basis of a further postdoctoral Fellowship application to the ERC or Marie Curie Programme or to a national funder, or as the Future Research section of a job application. We suggest Fellows take The Scientific Proposal of an ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grant as a model and do an abridged version. This should cover a shorter version of what is in the current ERC Guide for Applications as Part B2-Section 2: (a) State-of-the-art and objectives, (b) Methodology, and optionally (c) Resources.

The Research Proposal should be discussed with your mentor and possibly at a session of the TRG. As noted above, Fellows are also encouraged to attend the ACO Funders conference and get ideas and feedback there.

## Academic Practice Activities

The Academic Communications Skills (ACS) activities are designed to help Fellows develop and refine the oral and written skills necessary for effective academic practice. Offered by the in-house (EUI) members of the FIESOLE Group and external experts, they take three forms: workshops and short modules; facilitating of small groups of Fellows working towards similar goals; individual feedback and coaching.

Activities take place on **Wednesday mornings** or other days/times by prior arrangement. Participation in the workshops is open to all Fellows on a signup basis a few days before, in the short modules by expression of interest by 11 October. For further information prior to arrival, contact: [laurie.anderson@eui.eu](mailto:laurie.anderson@eui.eu).

## **JOB MARKET AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

- **Developing an Effective ‘Job-Market Package’.** Wednesday, 11 September, 10.15-12.00
  - ‘Early-bird’ session with North American deadlines in mind; repeated later in the Autumn term, on request.
- **Writing a Teaching Statement/Teaching Philosophy.** Wednesday, 11 September, 12.00-13.00

## **PRESENTATION SKILLS**

- **Individual feedback on September presentations** (Monday, 30 September and Wednesday, 2 October, 14:00-18:00)
- **Presenting and Public Speaking module** (3 sessions, early October)

## **ACADEMIC WRITING AND PUBLISHING**

### ***Workshops***

- **The Journal Review Process: A Roundtable with Journal Editors** (by discipline) (1st term)
- **Writing a Successful Book Proposal** (Dorothee Bohle, editor’s rep & ACS staff) (1st or 2nd term)

*Structured lead-up:* individual feedback on book proposals from ACS staff, prior to individual feedback from editor’s rep.

*Follow-up:* ‘Dissertation to Book’ workshop, on request.

- **Grant Writing for Post-docs** (during ACO conference; with external expert)
- **Corpus linguistics tools for writing and revision** (date tbc)
- **Handling Revise-and-Resubmit** (date tbc)

### ***Writers’ Groups and Writing Modules***

(EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST BY 11 OCTOBER)

- **ECO Writers’ Group.** October to December; every 2-3 weeks; in past years, Wednesday afternoons. Aimed at ECO Fellows and focused mainly on revising and polishing your Job Market paper.
- **Writers’ Groups (other disciplines).** Organised on a disciplinary basis and facilitated by a member of the ACS staff, Writers’ Groups (usually 4-6 Fellows) provide a supportive setting for obtaining focused, hands-on peer feedback on

draft articles (or portions thereof) prior to journal submission. Schedule to be arranged with interested Fellows.

- **Style in Research Writing.** This 8-session module, run in the first term, takes the participants' own research writing and that of established scholars in their fields as a starting point to explore the interface between form (grammar/syntax), style/rhetoric and argumentative structure. The overall aim is to expand your expressive range and enhance scholarly 'voice' and effectiveness.

- **Draft-to-Submission in 8 Weeks.** Adapted from Belcher's *Writing your journal article in 12 weeks* with the postdoc situation specifically in mind. You will profit most from this module if you already have a draft ready to be revised. Second term.

## TUTORIALS AND INDIVIDUAL COACHING

Weekly tutorials provide the opportunity for one-on-one sessions with a member of the ACS team to discuss and revise research writing in progress. These sessions can also be used to look over cover letters and other application materials, revise book or research proposals, prepare and practice 'dry runs' of conference presentations and job talks, do interview practice before campus visits, or support other professional communication needs. Fellows can also arrange for on-site observation and feedback on teaching.

## TEXT REVISION AND EDITING

All written work (articles, book reviews etc.) for revision/editing needs to be sent directly to Alyson Price ([alyson.price@eui.eu](mailto:alyson.price@eui.eu)), unless otherwise agreed with Laurie Anderson.

When sending your work please give Alyson the following information: title; genre (article, conference paper, book review, PowerPoint presentation etc.); length; how soon you need the work back. Note that we try to return work within ten working days.

All Word documents submitted will be reviewed using Track Changes, showing the reviewer's remarks and suggested changes. Anyone not working in Word will need to convert their completed text to pdf and send in the pdf version. Please note that in this case you will have to transfer all the reviewer's changes manually back to your original text.

What we do not do: check entire books (though we can give you advice on turning your thesis into a book); copy-edit texts to the required specifications of individual journal or book publishers.

### **TEACHING CERTIFICATE**

The Max Weber Teaching Certificate aims to both enhance Fellows' teaching skills and increase their international mobility through a series of workshops and a week-long teaching practice experience at Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona), von Humboldt (Berlin) or Masaryk University (Brno). For more details contact Karin Tilmans (karin.tilmans@eui.eu) by the end of September.

## **Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) and Job Market and Career Development**

ACO provides information on academic careers by country, discipline and theme, and links to research opportunities in Europe, job platforms and a list of funding from postdoc to professorial level. The Observatory is not an academic career advice service, but it will help you clarify your ideas about different career options. We also encourage Fellows to do practice job talks and interviews, which MWP staff are happy to organize.

- Among the offerings of Communications staff, please note 'Developing an Effective "Job-Market Package"' ('early-bird' session for North American deadlines; mid-September)
- ACO Conference on Research Funding, involving the major research funders from across Europe and including North America. Please note that this conference offers an opportunity to get information for and feedback on the Research Proposal, due in on 21 February. Many Fellows move on to a Marie Curie or other funded Fellowship linked to a research project.

# The Departments and Mentors

Each Fellow is attached to either a Department or the RSC, some to both, and is allocated a mentor within this unit. Departments and different fields operate in different ways, some having closer and others looser involvement with Fellows. However, at a minimum you can expect to see your mentor at least twice a term, who should ensure you can become more generally involved in the life of the department. Mentors should also read and comment on the Working Paper and research proposal and offer career advice concerning publication strategies and job and grant applications. There are also a number of working groups that Fellows are encouraged to join, some operating across departments, like the Legal and Political Theory Workshop, and others more associated with a given department, although not excluding members of other departments, such as the Colloquium on Political Behaviour. These working groups also offer a forum to interact with Ph.D. researchers.

All departments have a Professor responsible for co-ordinating links with the MWP and who sits on our Steering Committee. For 2019/2020 they are:

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# Externally-Funded Fellowships and Extensions for a Second Year

The MWP hosts a number of externally-funded Fellows each year. In addition to applicants from outside the EUI for such positions, deadline 25 March, we also often have some internal applicants from current Fellows seeking a second year. By and large, we believe it is in the interest of Fellows to move on and find a permanent job elsewhere. However, we accept that for some an externally-funded continuation of their MWF provides a suitable next step in their career. Those considering this possibility should discuss it first with the Director; they will also need the support of their mentor and the head of the department. To ensure fairness, we prefer to consider all internal applications along with those we have had from applicants outside the EUI. The application deadline for Internal Candidates is 9 April.

The criteria for an externally-funded position as they appear on the web site are as follows:

An externally-funded Max Weber Fellow should have a scholarship from a recognised National or International Research Funding Council or Charity (you can find examples on the Academic Careers Observatory website) that covers living and research costs equivalent to 15,000 euro for 12 months (1,250 euro per month). This requirement may only be waived partially or completely in very special circumstances. We understand that some applications for external funding require a statement of institutional support. In these cases, we are willing to consider making offers of an extension that would be 'subject to' obtaining the funding.

The applications (CV, Research Statement, support of mentor and Department Lead and proof of funding – or of an actual or prospective application for funding – all in PDF format) should be sent directly to [externally-funded-mwf@eui.eu](mailto:externally-funded-mwf@eui.eu) by the 9 April deadline. We endeavour to reach a decision by the end of April.

Finally, it can often be the case that a few Fellows either have not been success-

ful in their job search by the end of their time in the MWP or have a short gap between finishing at the EUI and starting their new position. In these cases, we endeavour to help Fellows by providing them with the status of a Visiting Fellow. This does not give them access to mission funds but if they are in Florence they will be able to use the library and a desk there and to attend all the activities of the MWP. We are also sometimes able to help Fellows find teaching or research assistant positions in Florence to provide them with some income.

## Representatives and Governance

A Steering Committee (SC), which is chaired by the President (or the Director), and that consists of representatives of the Departments (the Departmental Leads) and the RSCAS, the Director of Academic Services, a member of the recruitment/admissions administration, and a representative of the Fellows, oversees the MWP. The SC meets two or three times a year: once in early December, to agree the selection of Fellows for the following year and discuss the Annual Report, once at the end of June/early July to discuss the feedback from the surveys and self-assessment and to launch the call for applications and any changes that might be necessary, and occasionally in the second term should any issue or reform to the programme require discussion. All Fellowships also need to be approved by the Executive Committee. Every three years, the MWP presents a more detailed self-assessment, which involves external assessors from outside the EUI, such as funders of other major postdoctoral programmes, and is presented to the Research Committee. Representatives of the Fellows also get to meet with the Research Committee every year. A Fellow, usually from Law, also sits on the Ethics Committee.

The Director represents the Max Weber Programme on the Executive Committee (EC) and in the Academic Council (AC). In addition, the Academic Service organises an election among all postdocs to elect a representative for the AC. This representative is often a MW Fellow, who also acts as a general contact person for the EUI should they need a MW Fellow Representative on any ad hoc committee and acts as the Fellows representative for the SC. MW Fellows will have an elected Representative on the EC. Each department and RSCAS group choose a representative who also attends the Departmental meetings and those of the

RSCAS. As a result, there are six, possibly seven, Max Weber Representatives. We organise a monthly lunch time meeting with them and the MW Team, and they may also request meetings with the Director at any time. The Departmental Representatives should talk with the disciplinary colleagues on a regular basis and raise any issues with either the Director, the Departmental Leads, or the AC Representative, and of course bring issues up at the monthly meetings. The Representatives may also wish to organise an informal or formal consultation with all Fellows on particular issues, and we will be happy to facilitate such a meeting. Finally, the President hosts a town hall meeting with all Fellows at the end of the Academic Year, and discusses the issues they raise with the Director in order to feed them into discussions for any changes to the Programme at the SC.

# Deadlines at a Glance 2019/20

<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHAT</b>
2 September 2019	Registration of MW Fellows
11-12/18-19/25-26 September 2019	September Presentations
27 September 2019	Preparatory meeting for Teaching Practice Weeks
30 September 2019	<i>First Term Starts</i>
13 November 2019	Proposals for Multidisciplinary Workshops and Conferences
29 November 2019	Expression of Interest in Being Part of the Organising Committee of June Conference
20 December 2019	<i>First Term Ends</i>
7 January 2020	<i>Second Term Starts</i>
21 February 2020	Research Grant Proposal
4 March 2020	June Conference Paper Proposal
31 March 2020	<b>Working Paper</b>
31 March 2020	<i>Second Term Ends</i>
1 April 2020	<i>Third Term Starts</i>
9 April 2020	Applications for Externally-funded Fellowships (internal applicants)
31 May 2020	Teaching Portfolio
12 June 2020	<i>Third Term Ends</i>
17-19 June 2020	<b>MWP Fellows June Conference</b>
1 July 2020	Individual pages for MWP Annual Report
20 July 2020	Fellows free to leave the Programme



# The Max Weber Programme Team

Below you will find some brief details about members of the Max Weber Team. We are all happy to help you with any information you may need and will try our best to ensure the programme is tailored as closely as possible to your requirements.



**Dorothee Bohle** is Dean of Postdoctoral Studies and Director of the Programme. She is also a Professor at the Department of Social and Political Sciences. Prior to coming to EUI, she was a Professor of Political Science at Central European University, Budapest. She oversees the selection of Fellows and the overall running of the programme.

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Nils Grevenbrock completed his Ph.D. thesis at Goethe University Frankfurt under the supervision of Alexander Ludwig. His research interests lie in the fields of optimal taxation, household finance, and behavioural macroeconomics. Methodologically, he mostly relies on quantitative structural life-cycle models with heterogeneous agents and applied econometrics using household survey data.

During his Ph.D. Nils was a visiting student at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and spent three months at the International Monetary Fund in Washington D.C. Before coming to the European University Institute Nils was part of the research unit at Deutsche Bundesbank working on the German Panel on Household Finances.



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Cristina Lafuente obtained her Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh. She was also a visiting student at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Her research focuses on the effects of unstable work and dual labour markets on unemployment dynamics. In particular, she looks at the different outcomes of workers who are more exposed to unemployment risk and job search. She is interested in the trade-off between more flexible and resilient labour markets and their costs in terms of worker welfare and inequality. She has also worked on empirical applications of search theory and the economics of large datasets.

Cristina will be exploring the costs and benefits of more dynamic labour markets in the short run (access to housing & saving) and the long run (pensions and intergenerational inequality). Her

research also hints at the endogeneity of labour market institutions: reforms will elicit different reactions in countries where unemployment dynamics are very different - Southern and Northern Europe.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Cristina has been a teaching assistant at both the undergraduate level (Topics in Macroeconomics and Introduction to Economics) and graduate level (Macroeconomics and Development Economics). She has also been a teaching assistant in computational courses in Edinburgh and on the LSE summer programme.



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Marta C. Lopes is a Labour Economist with a special interest in Employment and Unemployment Protection.

She conducted her Ph.D. at the Nova School of Business and Economics (Nova SBE), under the supervision of Pedro Portugal. She also visited University College London (UCL) between 2015 and 2019, being based at the Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice (CeMMAP), and she was also a Research Assistant at the Institute for Fiscal Studies. She has been a Research Affiliate at IZA since February 2019 and she will join Universidad Carlos III de Madrid as an Assistant Professor (tenure track) on September 2020.

Her research is focused on Labour Economics, but she has also worked on Family Economics, Public Economics and Applied Econometrics. Her research agenda is centred on the unemployment

benefits system and the duality of labour markets, with implications for labour market outcomes and family decisions.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

During her graduate studies, at Nova SBE and UCL, she was a teaching assistant of both undergraduate and graduate courses, including Calculus, Data Analysis and Probabilities, Econometrics, Financial Econometrics, Labour Economics, MATLAB, and Public Economics. For the the last of these she was awarded with Excellence in Teaching at UCL.



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Francisco Queirós is a Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow in Economics at the European University Institute. His research interests are in macroeconomics, with a special focus on issues related to financial markets and industrial organization.

His Ph.D. in Economics at Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona) was under the supervision of Fernando Broner and Jaume Ventura (2018). He holds a B.A. in Economics from the University of Porto (2011) and an MSc in Economics from the Barcelona GSE (2012).

During his Ph.D., he worked as a research assistant for Prof. Jaume Ventura.

More personally, Francisco was born in Porto (Portugal) in 1990. He moved to Barcelona in 2011, and lived there for almost seven years. He speaks Portuguese, English and Spanish and is currently learning Italian.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Francisco has been a teaching assistant to his two advisors and taught a variety of courses in macroeconomics, international trade and finance and mathematics and statistics.



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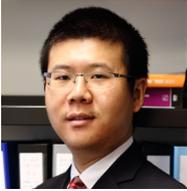
Alessandro Spiganti is an applied economic theorist. He works at the interface of microeconomics and macroeconomics, with a particular focus on the economics of innovation and climate change economics.

He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Edinburgh. His contributions are toward understanding how to best incentivise innovation, how to improve the average quality of those who choose to become innovators, and how to design optimal climate change policies in a world characterised by financing constraints.

His future research aims to provide a theoretical framework where the long-run interplay between wealth inequality, income inequality, and innovation can be analysed. His research agenda also includes the study of the implications of economic recessions on the transition to a low carbon economy, and of the value of entrepreneurial failures.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

During his studies at the University of Edinburgh, Alessandro taught at a variety of levels. In the fall of 2017, he co-lectured Economics 1, one of the main courses in the economics undergraduate curricula. Before that, he acted as teaching assistant at the postgraduate level, covering advanced topics in game theory, general equilibrium, and economics of information; he also assisted during introductory courses in programming with Python. At the undergraduate level, he taught, as teaching assistant, microeconomics, macroeconomics, and urban economics.



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Junze Sun is submitting his Ph.D. thesis at CREED, University of Amsterdam and Tinbergen Institute before September 2019 before joining the European University Institute (EUI) as a two-year Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow.

Junze's research interests lie in political economics, microeconomic theory, as well as behavioral and experimental economics. His Ph.D. thesis explores the influence of media in modern elections, using both theoretical modelling and laboratory experiments. During the fall of 2016 and 2017, he visited the EUI for a couple of months as a visiting researcher.

In the coming years, Junze plans to pursue research projects under two broad themes. The first concerns voters' demands for biased information sources and their electoral consequences. This builds partly on his existing work, and will be his primary focus in the first year of the fellowship. The second theme concerns how the media interact with other

economic forces that affect political participation. This will be his primary focus in the second year of the fellowship.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Junze's teaching interests primarily lie in courses related to microeconomics, for both undergraduate and graduate students. He has diverse teaching and thesis supervision experience. He has been a teaching assistant for the courses Economics of Markets and Organizations (undergraduate, University of Amsterdam), Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate, University of Amsterdam) and Asset Pricing (graduate, Tinbergen Institute). Moreover, he has supervised over 18 B.A. theses on various topics during his Ph.D. contract.



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Alessandro Tondini is an applied micro-economist working on topics in both labor and development economics. He has a Ph.D. from the Paris School of Economics, obtained under the supervision of Luc Behaghel. His thesis revolves around the interaction of public policies and segmented labor markets in middle-income countries. In particular, he studies the long-term labor market effects of unconditional cash transfer programs in South Africa, with a focus on liquidity constraints during job search and job quality. His research also looks at the effect of reforms of public, means-tested pension systems in labor markets with a large informal sector.

His ongoing projects include the evaluation of some active labor market policies in France, in collaboration with the

French Employment Agency. During the Max Weber fellowship, he will carry on several projects, including a study of how providing workers with information about unopened vacancies affects their job search prospects.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

During his time at the Paris School of Economics, he taught applied econometrics to first year graduate students. Prior to his Ph.D., he also worked part-time at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).



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Eleanor Florence Woodhouse's research interests are at the intersection of political science and public administration. Eleanor has a strong interdisciplinary background and her research reflects this; she studies questions of bureaucratic and institutional politics, aiming to better understand how agency relations function in modern governance. More specifically, she uses quantitative methods to examine the structural side of modern policymaking, addressing how hybrid governance arrangements and changing agency relationships can affect fundamental features of the democratic process, such as accountability.

Eleanor holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration from Bocconi University's Department of Social and Political Sciences. Her Ph.D. thesis was completed at Bocconi University and Harvard University, where she was a visiting researcher at Harvard's Department of Economics for an academic year, having been awarded the Fulbright-Schuman

scholarship. Eleanor is a graduate of Oxford University, University College London and Bocconi University and worked as a Policy Officer at the European Commission.

As a Max Weber Fellow in the EUI's Department of Economics, Eleanor intends to refine several ongoing projects. These projects are part of her research agenda in which she investigates the politics of infrastructure development, an agenda she hopes to turn into a book project.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Eleanor has teaching experience in a range of courses, including 'The Economics and Management of Public Administration', 'Diversity Management and Policy', 'Public Management' and 'Policies for Arts and Culture'. She also has experience giving lectures to public managers and policy professionals from her time working at the European Commission.





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Grace Ballor is a historian of capitalism, focusing on two concurrent and radically transformative processes that reshaped the world in the twentieth century: European integration and economic globalization. Since earning her Ph.D. in History from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in 2018, she has held a joint position as Max Weber Fellow in History and Civilization at the European University Institute and Research Fellow in International History at the Graduate Institute, Geneva.

She has written widely on the influence of multinational corporations and business associations, European integration, and trans-Atlantic economic relations in the postwar period and has taught extensively at the undergraduate and graduate levels – both in the United States and Europe – on subjects including European history, neoliberalism and globalization, business history, historical pedagogy, and the origins of the European Union. Her research has been

supported by the the European Union Studies Association, Business History Conference, the Fondation Jean Monnet pour l'Europe, the Center for Economic History, the International Studies Institute, and several research centers across the University of California.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

In addition to her publication and teaching, she has also served as a delegate in Trade, Economic Relations, and Business Development at the Stanford US-Russia Forum and as Academic Fellow on the Council for Europe at the World Economic Forum, where she authored discussion documents for policymakers and published a survey of EU reform initiatives ahead of the 2019 European Parliament elections.



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Elizabeth (Betty) Banks received her Ph.D. in history from New York University in 2019. Her dissertation explores socialist internationalism in the late twentieth century by examining social, economic and diplomatic relations between Mozambique and the Soviet Union in the 1960s-1980s. This work uses the Soviet-Mozambican case to illuminate the contours of solidarity connections between the USSR and the global south over several decades; and to examine how independence-era Africans harnessed alliances with the socialist north.

Her project foregrounds interaction, disagreements and mutual influence as constitutive parts of socialist internationalism, and reveals the breadth and diversity of internationalist practices: education, state social organizations, diplomacy, cultural exchange, media, trade fairs, tourism, military, geology, sports and fishing.

As a Max Weber Fellow, she plans to begin revising her dissertation for publication and to complete work on a collaborate special issue of *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, expected 2020, that examines dynamism and legacies of Soviet engagement across the African continent.

Her broader research interests include gender histories, transnational history, political imagination, decolonization and the Cold War. She holds an M.A. in Russian Studies from the School of Slavonic and East European Studies in London, and has research experience in Russia, the US and Mozambique.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Betty has experience teaching Russian history from 987 onwards and Soviet history, twentieth century African history, as well as European and American gender history at the undergraduate level.



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Doina Anca Cretu is a historian of modern Central and Eastern Europe. Topically, her research interests focus on humanitarianism, development, refugees, nationalism and national indifference, and the relationship between social policy, culture, and foreign relations.

Her project at the EUI will explore the establishment and transformation of refugee camps in Austria-Hungary, during the First World War. By linking state-wide decision making and local evidence, she will explore formal policies and effects in the creation of a system of refugee camps. Furthermore, she is particularly interested in refugees' everyday lives in these spaces.

Anca holds a Ph.D. (2018) in International History at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. Her Ph.D. project, titled 'For the Sake of an Ideal: Romanian

Nation-Building and American Foreign Assistance (1917-1940)', explores the intersections and interactions between American humanitarian and philanthropic organizations and aspirations and practices of nation-building in Romania, during the Great War and in the interwar period. While at the EUI, she will further develop the monograph concept based on this research.

Anca has a B.A. from The College of William and Mary, USA (2011) and an M.A. in International History from the Graduate Institute, Geneva (2013). She also held visiting fellowships at Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen in Vienna (2018-2019), University of Oxford (2017-2018), and the Graduate Center, City University of New York (2015-2016).



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Thematic Group: Ideas, Concepts and Theory

Julie Deschepper is an historian of Russia. Her scholarly interest is focused on the cultural heritage of the Soviet past, and her research includes Soviet monumental productions, material culture of socialism and historical memory in Russia.

During her tenure as a Max Weber Fellow, she aims to turn her dissertation into a monograph tentatively entitled 'Soviet Monumental Legacy in Russia: Histories of Heritage in the Making (1917-2000s)'. This long-term socio-historical study examines the evolution of actors, uses, roles and functions of transforming Soviet monumental productions into heritage. This publication intends to contribute to the writing of a global cross-cultural history of Soviet Russia, to offer new perspectives on the concept of heritage in socialist contexts, and to give some keys of understanding of socialist-era monument's treatments in post-socialist contexts. In addition, she plans to carry on a research pro-

ject related to a transnational history of Soviet heritage in chosen Soviet Republics.

Deschepper will be awarded her Ph.D. from the National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations in 2019. She also holds an M.A. in Contemporary History (Sorbonne Université) and an M.A. in Heritage Management (Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne).

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Deschepper has experience teaching Russian, Soviet and Post-Soviet History; heritage and cultural studies, and methodology of human sciences at both B.A. and M.A. levels. She has also led doctoral research seminars in Soviet avant-gardes and material culture of the USSR.



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Jorge Díaz Ceballos graduated in history from the Universidad de Cantabria (Spain) in 2007 and holds an M.A. in Latin American and Caribbean Studies from New York University (2010). In 2017 he received his Ph.D. from Pablo Olavide University of Seville in the framework of the ERC-funded project 'An Artery of Empire'.

His dissertation analyzed the relevance of urban foundations in the Isthmus of Panama over the 16th century for the establishment and maintenance of the Spanish Empire. This research, forthcoming in top-tier Spanish academic publisher Marcial Pons, deals with the construction of political spaces while redefining the different ways of creating and maintaining political power in the early modern world.

During his Max Weber Fellowship, Jorge will develop a new research project based on a complex court case that involves the participation of different legal

institutions across the Iberian Atlantic and the inclusion of a panoply of voices from peoples of diverse social and ethnic origins. The main objective is testing how the Spanish empire's pluri-jurisdictional character shaped the resolution of marriage conflicts and how court proceedings reflect the agency of individuals with diverse social backgrounds, particularly women, minors and persons of mixed ancestry.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Jorge has experience teaching early modern and contemporary Spanish and European history at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. He has also participated in the organization of research seminars and international conferences, in addition, he has wide experience researching in archives and libraries in Spain, the UK, Italy, Colombia and Panamá.



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Meira Gold is a historian of science, specialising in 19th century Egyptology. She is completing her Ph.D. in History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge. Meira previously obtained an Honours B.A. in Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations (2013) and an M.A. in Egyptology (2014) from the University of Toronto.

Her dissertation, ‘Mobilising the field in Victorian Egyptology, 1850-1906’, explores the emergence of archaeological fieldwork and field-recording practices in semi-colonial Egypt. She traces a crucial development in British Egyptology from an activity that could be practiced from London through a network of informants to one that required first-hand excavation experience. It is a project about the relationship between locality, expertise, and empire.

Meira’s research interests are in the circulation of archaeological knowledge in the 19th century, histories of fieldwork,

collecting, recording, and visualization practices, race and gender in histories of Egyptology, and the disciplinary relationship between Egyptology and the natural and human sciences. She has published on the intersection between Egyptology, geology, and ethnology in mid-Victorian human antiquity disputes, and curated the exhibit ‘Conflicted Chronologies: Victorian Debates about Egyptian Prehistory’ at the Whipple Library, Cambridge. As a Max Weber Fellow, Meira plans to start developing her doctoral thesis into a book manuscript and writing an article for publication on ‘long-distance archaeology’.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

In Cambridge, Meira supervised undergraduate courses on the history of science and medicine (c.1800-present), histories of evolution, science and empire, and anthropology (19th and early 20th centuries), and undergraduate research papers on Boasian anthropology.



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Before joining the EUI, Andreas Greiner was a research assistant at the Chair of Modern History at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETH Zurich) and a fellow at the University of Bern. His research interests include East African history, the history of the German Empire, and global history.

His Ph.D. thesis (submitted August 2019 at ETH Zurich), explores the history of human portage and the caravan trade under colonial rule in German East Africa (c. 1880–1918). The thesis seeks to connect infrastructure and the agency of East African transport workers with questions of colonial state formation.

His new research project sets out to explore the maritime logistical networks of European imperial states and their global flows in the long nineteenth century. After c. 1860, swift and reliable communication between metropole and colony seemed possible for the first

time. As a consequence, European empires rationalized transport and introduced mail services, such as the German ‘Reichspostdampfer’ or the British ‘P&O’. The project explores the effects these logistics and their coordination had on shaping and re-structuring imperial spaces. It argues that it was particularly the new possibility to schedule and coordinate maritime flows that altered imperial overseas rule and led to significant changes in the policing of global empires.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

At ETH Zurich he has taught a course in (post-)colonial history and co-taught an introductory course in historical research.



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Ian Hathaway holds a doctorate in History and Renaissance Studies from Yale University, and a bachelor and master's degree from the University of Pavia. His work explores issues of mobility, protection, diplomacy, and state building in the early modern Mediterranean from a comparative and connected perspective. His interests focus on several Mediterranean polities, including the Republic of Venice, the Grand Duchy of Florence, the Order of St. John of Rhodes and Malta, the Republic of Ragusa/Dubrovnik, and the Ottoman Empire. His research, which takes place in Italy, Turkey, Croatia, and Malta has been supported by the US Fulbright Program (Turkey) and by the Council for American Overseas Research Centers.

As a Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute, Ian plans to focus on editing his dissertation for future publication as well as on two separate article projects. The first will be a meth-

odological study of the formal features of early modern Mediterranean travel papers; the second is a comparative project on the commensurability of travel papers and practices in the Ottoman and Latin Mediterranean during the sixteenth century.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

During his time as a graduate student, Ian has also developed an interest in the teaching of global connected and comparative history. He has worked as a teaching assistant for several classes in this field (The World Circa 1000; The World Circa 1500) and is passionate about discussing topics such as cross-cultural trade, cultural encounters, conquest, violence, as well as incipient Orientalism in the Medieval and early modern periods



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Gašper Jakovac specializes in early modern theatre, performance culture, and post-Reformation Catholicism in England. He completed his Ph.D. in English Studies at Durham University, where he worked as a doctoral researcher on the AHRC-funded *Records of Early English Drama North-East* project (2014–2018). His studies were also supported by Gerda Henkel Stiftung. He was an IMEMS Library Fellow at Durham Cathedral Library and will be a Visiting Fellow at the Bodleian Library (Oxford) in August 2019 and January 2020. His latest research was published in *British Catholic History*.

At the EUI, Gašper will work on his second monograph provisionally entitled 'Entertainment and Performance in the English Catholic Community, 1558–1660'. Focusing on English provincial society, the book considers how Catholics, a persecuted religious minority, used performative entertainment, such as drama, dance, music, equestrian sports,

and traditional ceremonies, to articulate and fashion specifically Catholic values, anxieties, hopes, and beliefs.

By the end of his Max Weber Fellowship, he aims to consolidate his writing on household theatre and horse-racing practices amongst the Catholic landed elite. He will also be working on a critical edition of Robert Owen's manuscript play *The History of Purgatory* (for PIMS, Toronto), a unique example of early-seventeenth-century Catholic drama in the English vernacular, for which he was awarded a Society for Theatre Research grant.

### Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers

From 2014 to 2019, Gašper worked as teaching assistant at Durham University, tutoring English undergraduates in Classics, Biblical literature, Shakespeare, and Renaissance culture.



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Gaia Lott holds a Ph.D. in the History of International Relations from the University of Florence (2016). She became a postdoctoral research fellow at the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi (Torino) and a visiting fellow at the Wilson Center (Washington, DC). She also worked for the Italian Ministry of the Interior as officer in charge of the assessment of asylum applications, specialized in Human Trafficking.

Her research interests include History of International Relations, History of Development, African History, Immigration Policies and Policies to contrast Human Trafficking.

She has research experience in the Belgian, French, British and American archives and has conducted several interviews with academics and politicians. She has presented her research at numerous international conferences and published articles in international jour-

nals such as *African Affairs*, *Cold War History* and *Afriche e Orienti*.

At the EUI, Gaia plans to further extend her research interests, focusing in particular on the Cooperation policies of the European Community in Nigeria during the 1980s and 1990s. She aims to look at these policies to assess the alleged diversity of European Cooperation, problematizing the idea of Europe as a 'Force for Good'.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Gaia served as a teaching assistant at the University of Florence for the B.A. and M.A. course in African History.



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Lana Martysheva specialises in Early Modern European History. She completed her Ph.D. at the Sorbonne under the direction of Prof. Denis Crouzet. In 2018, she defended her thesis ‘Betting on the Heretic. The royalist prelates and the legitimization of Henri IV’. She investigated the end of the French Wars of Religion from a new perspective that focused on a little-known, but politically crucial group of prelates. Her thesis revealed the mechanisms of their work of legitimization of the first Bourbon and demonstrated how the survival of the monarchy depended on the collective and individual efforts of multiple actors, too often left in the shadow of the King.

Her research interests are in Early Modern cultural, political and religious history. During her fellowship, she will be working on the new research project ‘The French Wars of Religion through the Prism of the Italian Peninsula’. She will explore the transnational dimensions of a mainly domestic French cri-

sis (1559-1598) through the study of information. The comparative analysis of three States (Florence, Milan, and Rome) will allow the identification of the fundamental processes at work in the transfer of information with which this project is concerned, whilst allowing close study of the specificities, dependent on different practices of government and social organisation.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

At the Sorbonne, Aix-Marseille University and Sciences Po, she has taught undergraduate seminars and given lectures in Early Modern French and European History, Methodology of History, History of the world (15th-19th centuries) and Twentieth Century History of Europe and Asia.



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Nikolaos Mavropoulos has studied Balkan studies (B.A.) and European History (MA) in Greece. In 2014 he was awarded with Sapienza University's Ph.D. fellowship for Foreign Nationals educated abroad.

As a Ph.D. candidate he carried out his research project, entitled 'The Japanese expansionism in Asia and the Italian expansion in Africa: A comparative study of the early Italian and the early Japanese colonialism (1868-1901)'.

In September 2019 he received his doctoral degree from Sapienza University of Rome, Department of History, Culture, Religion (Dipartimento di Storia Culture Religioni).

His research interests revolve around Imperial antagonisms, colonialism and Japanese contemporary and modern history. He is currently investigating the Greek minorities in Africa in the 19th century.



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Viola Müller is a social historian specialized in nineteenth-century American slavery. She obtained her Ph.D. in 2019 from Leiden University with a dissertation on runaway slaves in the American urban South. Stressing the illegal nature of freedom within slaveholding territory, her study analyzed the integration of runaways in the social environment as well as in the labor markets of four cities between 1800 and 1860.

Viola holds a B.A. in Latin American Studies and Economics from the University of Cologne (2012) and an M.A. in the History of Migration and Global Interdependence from Leiden

University (cum laude, 2015). She also studied at Universitat de Barcelona (2009-2010) and was a short-term fellow at Brown University (2019).

During her time as a Max Weber Fellow, Viola will further pursue her research interests in the fields of slavery, race, and resistance in the Americas, this time approaching illegal freedom through a comparative perspective.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

She has gained teaching experience in Colombia, Germany, and the Netherlands.



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Milica Prokic is an environmental historian with a background in visual arts and public engagement.

She obtained her Ph.D. at the University of Bristol Department of History (2017). Her thesis, 'Barren Island (Goli otok): A Trans-Corporeal History of the Former Yugoslav Political Prison Camp and its Inmates' won the ASEH Rachel Carson Award for Best Dissertation (2018). The thesis is a case study of Goli otok – the main political prison of former SFR Yugoslavia – a small stony island in the Croatian Adriatic. It examines the relationship between the island, its male and female inmates and the Yugoslav mainland in the context of environmental history, history of the body, labour history, prison studies, island studies, gender and memory studies.

Her previous research and experience is in the visual arts. She holds degrees from Central Saint Martins College (University of the Arts London) and the

Faculty of Visual Arts (University of the Arts Belgrade).

She is currently working on the second volume of the graphic novel 'Light Keys' at the University of Bristol Centre for Quantum Engineering Technology Labs. The project is part of the Centre's engagement initiative, and has won several funding awards (EPSRC 2018).

During the Max Weber Fellowship Milica will explore the stories of South-Western Balkan women combatants and their international peers in the period covering the two World Wars, focusing on their embodied and environmental experiences.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

At the University of Bristol's Department of History she taught the module 'Approaching the Past' and organised Humanities Postgraduate Research Seminars.



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Lola Wilhelm is a modern international historian specialising in the history of multinational enterprises and international organisations. Her research interests also include the history of imperialism, medicine, science and technology, food, and development aid. Lola's Ph.D., which she completed in 2019 at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, focused on Nestlé's involvement in agriculture, public health, and humanitarian programmes in Europe and Africa from the 1900s to the 1970s. Her new project at the EUI focuses on the participation of firms in international environmental science and politics.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Lola has taught disciplinary and interdisciplinary graduate seminars on international history research methods, the history of humanitarianism, and of agriculture.



# Max Weber Fellows

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AVRIL, Lola

GROCHOWSKI, Mateusz

LARSEN, Signe Rehling

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TAGIURI, Giacomo

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Alexis Alvarez-Nakagawa completed his Ph.D. at Birkbeck College, University of London. In recent years, his research interests ranged from the colonial history of international law to the examination of new trends in the field of human rights law, such as current experiences of transitional justice in South America and the recent grant of legal personhood and rights to non-human beings in different jurisdictions over the globe. His approach is fundamentally philosophical, interdisciplinary, and critical.

At the EUI, Alexis will be working on a project titled 'Non-Human Rights. New Legal Persons in Post-human Times'. There, he will expand on his previous research and examine the granting of rights to non-human animals, rivers, mountains, rainforests and artificially intelligent beings. The process of giving personhood to non-humans has gained incredible traction in recent years and has the potential to usher in a radical change of paradigm in the legal domain

that can have enormous cultural implications. Alexis will attempt to grasp the challenges involved in this trend and its potential consequences.

Additionally, he has been a visiting researcher at the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History and the University of Barcelona. Before becoming a full-time academic, Alexis was a practising human rights lawyer and held different positions in the administration of justice of Argentina.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Alexis has lectured and convened courses at undergraduate and postgraduate level on legal theory, criminal law, human rights law and public international law at the University of Buenos Aires and the University of London.



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Lola Avril holds a Ph.D. in political science (université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne, 2019). Her research interests lie at the intersection of the history of European integration, the sociology of public policies and the sociology of professions. Her dissertation studies the rise, institutionalization and forms of contestations of *regulatory lawyers*, multi-task intermediates of the European Regulatory State.

As a Max Weber Fellow, Lola intends to investigate the development of common practices and perceptions among lawyers appearing before the ECJ. Her research will focus on different key historical moments of this socialization process: cartel cases in the 1970s and 1980s, attempts by the ECJ to foster a community of lawyers in the 1980s, the creation of the Court of First Instance and the development of circulations between the Courts and law firms in the 1990s.

Lola is a founding member and co-director of the Research Group on the European Union (GrUE) in France and a member of the steering committee of the History of European Integration Research Society (HEIRS). She is also a member of a research project financed by the CNRS on economic expertise in French competition law. She was a member of the FOLIE project (Forms of Life and Legal Integration in Europe) at Sciences Po Law School (supervised by Loïc Azoulay).

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Lola has served as a teaching assistant in courses for Master students on European institutions (Sciences Po Paris), Comparative political science (université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne) and international relations (université Paris-Dauphine).



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Mateusz Grochowski LL.M. (Yale) is a Max Weber Fellow at the EUI (Department of Law), and an Affiliated Fellow at the Information Society Project (Yale Law School).

His research interests encompass theory of contract law, consumer protection, and the impact of new technologies on private law. In these fields he focuses primarily on the creation of norms in on-line contracting, with particular regard to self-regulation and decentralization of a state's governance tasks. He has also been working on intersections between contract law and fundamental rights, especially on the role and nature of the principle of proportionality and equal treatment in contracting.

He holds a Ph.D. (*cum laude*) in private law from the Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences (with the prize for the best Polish doctoral dissertation in private law).

Before joining the Max Weber Program, Mateusz was a postdoctoral fellow at both the University of Tel Aviv and the University of Wrocław.

As a Max Weber Fellow, Mateusz carries out research on non-discrimination and consumer protection schemes developed in the platform economy. His current work aims to explore the self-regulatory potential of online platforms, elaborate the relevant analytical framework, and tackle legal and socio-political quandaries of private enterprise as a governor of markets.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Mateusz has worked as both a lecturer and a visiting lecturer in contracts, EU private law, and new technology at universities in Italy, Germany and Poland. He has been also a co-supervisor of Ph.D. dissertations in private law.



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Signe holds a Ph.D. in Law from the LSE, an M.A. in Politics from the New School for Social Research, and a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Copenhagen. Signe's research is on EU constitutional theory and she is currently working on a monograph entitled 'The European Union as a Federation: A Constitutional Analysis'.

During the Max Weber Fellowship, Signe aims to finish her monograph. She furthermore intends to develop her new research project that is concerned with questions relating to the constitutional identities of the European Union and its Member States.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Signe has taught EU law at the undergraduate level at the LSE.



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Karl Murphy was awarded his Ph.D. from Dublin City University in March 2018. His doctoral dissertation was entitled ‘Why Trilogues? Determinants of the use of informal negotiations in EU codecision-making processes 1999-2016’. He holds an M.A. (1:1) in European Politics and Governance from the University of Limerick.

His research interests include European Union institutions, particularly the role of the European Parliament in forming legislation; formal and informal decision making in the EU; democracy and transparency. He is also keenly interested in research methods, particularly mixed-methods. He has recently published a pedagogical student aid ‘Nested Analysis: Identifying and Applying Qualitative Illustration Support for Logistic Regression Models’ with Sage Publications.

Karl’s research target during the fellowship is to progress with a new project examining the effectiveness of the

European Parliament under both formal and informal forms of codecision, and as well as this, to work towards transforming his Ph.D. into a book. He will also work towards the publication of two other articles, which will be under review by the autumn of 2019.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Since the autumn of 2017, Karl has held lecturing positions at Dublin City University, the National University of Ireland Maynooth, and the Technological University Dublin where he has taught over a dozen modules at the B.A. and M.A. level. These modules include EU Integration; Comparative European Politics; Political Ideology; Irish Politics and Economics; Irish Foreign Policy; International Political Economy; Political Structures; Political Communication; and Contemporary American Business and Society.



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Giacomo Tagiuri (B.A., M.A., University of Bologna; M.A., Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies – SAIS) received his Ph.D. in Legal Studies from Bocconi University (2018) with a dissertation exploring the link between market regulation and culture in the context of the EU internal market. Giacomo's research interests include EU internal market law, competition law, regulation, comparative public law, as well as legal theory and socio-legal studies. His work is multidisciplinary drawing from sociology, political economy, and the history of ideas to investigate both theoretical and empirical questions about the role of markets in society.

Giacomo's current work studies EU integration and technological change as the drivers of economic transformations that challenge rooted experiences and identities, as well as conventional understandings of market liberalism. At the EUI, Giacomo will work towards turning his dissertation into a book as

well as on advancing a research project exploring the consequences of market transformation through ethnographic work with consumers.

Prior to joining the Max Weber Program at the EUI, Giacomo was a *Markets, Ethics and the Law* post-doctoral Fellow at the Safra Center for Ethics at Tel Aviv University (2018-2019), as well as a visiting doctoral researcher at New York University (2016-2017) and the University of Sydney (April-May 2018).

### Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers

Giacomo has teaching experience in the areas of comparative public law and EU law at the bachelor level. His work has been presented at numerous international conferences and published in law journals in both Europe and the US.



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Pauline Trouillard holds a Ph.D. in public law from Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas University. Her dissertation focused on public service broadcasting in the member states of the European Union, through the example of the UK, Italy and France. Her main research interests include comparative administrative law, competition law applied to public services and media law and policy.

In her Ph.D. dissertation she addressed the relationship between effectiveness of the public service remits provided by law and new models of governance, including regulation, market-based competition policy and corporate governance applied to the public sector. She was also interested in the notion of public service in comparative law, and showed that despite the specific appellation used in each legal system, the three States have all provided for some services they considered as essential, through a legal framework which is very similar between these countries. At the EUI, Pauline will

focus on the ECJ case law that shaped EU competition law applied to the public sector. In doing so, she will use some historical and sociological methodology.

During her Ph.D., she spent two years as a visiting scholar at Oxford University. She was a visiting scholar at Federico II University, Naples, for six months, and at Complutense University, Madrid, during her MPhil in comparative public law. She also holds a bachelor in geography.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

While she was in Paris, Pauline taught French constitutional law, comparative constitutional law, administrative law and human rights law, to approximately 100 students a year, at Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne and Nanterre Universities.



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Johann Justus Vasel studied Law and Economics at the University of Bayreuth and the Julius Maximilian University of Würzburg with a focus on public international and European law. Subsequent to his studies, he worked at the Human Rights Center (Potsdam), received his doctorate from the University of Hamburg, did his legal traineeship at the Berlin Court of Appeal and completed his master's degree at New York University.

Dr. Johann Justus Vasel, LL.M. (NYU) is a research associate at the University of Hamburg, Associate Editor of the *European Journal of International Law* (EJIL). His wide research interests span from (legal) philosophy and constitu-

tional law to European and public international law. At the EUI he intends to complete several minor research projects in constitutional, European and international law related to diverse topics. His core research focus will be on “libertarian paternalism” and eudaimonistic governance in a comparative perspective.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Johann teaches European and public international law at the University of St. Gallen (Switzerland) and Tübingen (Germany).



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Xiaoren Wang received her J.S.D. (Doctor of the Science of Law) at the University of Illinois in May of 2019.

She is interested in intellectual property law and empirical studies. Her doctoral research focused on the empirical study of aesthetic functionality in US trademark law. She also worked with Professor Paul J. Heald, researching values of copyright in public domains. Before her J.S.D, Xiaoren practiced as a trademark attorney in China for five years. Her business covered counseling on trademark registrations, infringements, counterfeiting and designing trademark strategies for international companies.

During the fellowship, Xiaoren plans to write a paper on the psychological rationales of aesthetic functionality. Aesthetic functionality is the legal ground in US trademark law to reject the trade dress protection which might bring anti-competitive effects. Whether a trade dress is aesthetically functional depends heavily

on consumer responses to such trade dress. However, courts' decisions on this issue are often intuitive and speculative. Few studies systematically research this issue from the psychological aspect. This paper will explore the psychological studies of colors (a sub-category of trade dress) and frame the psychological rationales of aesthetic functionality. Based on the rationales, the paper attempts to propose guideposts to improve the determination of the aesthetic functionality on color trademarks.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Xiaoren has taught junior lawyers China trademark law and practice. She was also well trained in US trademark law and empirical studies. During this fellowship, she would like to teach China trademark law, US trademark law, empirical legal research, or other relevant courses.



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Michał Ziółkowski graduated from Warsaw University with a degree in law (2009) and completed his Ph.D. at the Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences (2017). He also served as a judge's legal assistant at the Office of the Constitutional Tribunal of Poland (2008–2016). He is the managing editor of *Państwo i Prawo*, one of the oldest law journals in Poland.

His research is in the fields of Polish constitutional law, comparative judicial review and transformations of constitutional orders.

Michał's doctoral project, 'Liability for damages for unlawful actions of public authorities under the Polish Constitution', explored the theoretical and dogmatic background of the Polish constitutional provisions on the state's liability for human rights violations. The principal aim of his thesis was to examine and identify the reasons, conditions and results of the evolution of the constitutional inter-

pretation in a field of state's liability. He also presented an alternative interpretation of the relevant Polish constitutional provisions.

At the EUI, Michał will be working on his new project, focused on the constitutional theories that allow restoring the rule of law in Poland and Hungary after the tribunals and courts had been unconstitutionally captured and composed with a serious violation of constitutional provisions. He will be exploring the prospects of the doctrine of EU-related constitutional unamendability in order to find the answer to the question: who will be the arbiter of the unconstitutional constitutional changes when the constitutional arbiter herself is unconstitutional?

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Michał has experience leading courses on comparative and Polish constitutional law as an assistant professor at the Kozminski University in Warsaw.





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Balaraju Battu is interested in the behavioural foundations of social behaviour. He conducts interdisciplinary research combining insights from political science, economics, and evolutionary game theory. He received his Ph.D. in Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences from Center of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences, University of Allahabad, India in 2019. He has held visiting scholar positions at the Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai (IMSc) and Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IITK).

By using evolutionary agent based models, Battu has studied conditions to establish cooperation in dyadic and public good games. In his work, Battu has examined the effects of error in conditional assessment, reputation, and imitation in establishing and sustaining cooperation.

During the Max Weber Fellowship, Battu will continue his research on human cooperation in public good provision by using experimental economics

and agent based models. He will be examining how individual actions in the public good provision influence dyadic interaction among the agents and, in turn, influence collective action. The research exploits the human tendency to reciprocity, fairness, and retaliation in establishing human cooperation.

Battu is also interested in understanding the evolution of social institutions, particularly examining in what conditions a centralized monitoring or a mutual monitoring helps to establish and sustain public good provision.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

He has taught a master level course, mathematical methods for cognitive science, at the Center of Behavioral and Cognitive Science, University of Allahabad, India.



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Before becoming a Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow Mauricio Bucca earned a Ph.D. in Sociology at Cornell University. He studies labor market inequalities, intergenerational mobility and beliefs about inequality using a combination of statistical modeling, empirical strategies for causal inference, experimental and computational methods.

Mauricio's scholarly agenda is articulated around two core, complementary research streams. One series of projects examines key structural aspects of social inequality – intergenerational income mobility, gender and racial gaps in the

labor market and educational assortative mating. Another line of research focuses on the cultural facets of social stratification as they crystallize in specific belief systems about inequalities and fairness. His work has been published in academic journals such as *Science Advances*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, and *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, and covered by popular media outlets such as the *New York Times*.



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Johannes Kniess is a Max Weber Fellow in the Department of Political and Social Sciences. His research and teaching interests are primarily in contemporary political theory.

His work falls into two main areas. The first is justice in health, in particular questions surrounding inequalities in health and life expectancy, state paternalism, and individual responsibility for health. The second area is global justice and human rights. During his time as a Max Weber Fellow, he will be working on a research project that focuses on international trade, global health policy, and the right to health.

Johannes received his DPhil from the University of Oxford in 2017. In 2015, he was a visiting research student at Harvard University. He also holds an MSc in Political Theory from Oxford, and a Diploma in Political Science from the Freie Universität Berlin. Prior to coming to the EUI, he was a postdoctoral research associate at Princeton University.



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Misun Lim is a sociologist interested in family, gender inequality in labor markets, and work-family policies. Her current research focuses on the connection between changing family structures and economic inequalities in the United States. Her dissertation asks whether and how the wage penalty for motherhood changes over time in the United States. Her earlier research studied the effect of marriage and the degrees of household specialization on wages. In addition, she investigated cross-national differences in the effect of relationship status on earnings and examined the role of cultural contexts across multiple European countries. She received a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and previously received a master's degree in sociology from Columbia University.

During her Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship, Misun plans to expand the scope of her dissertation research and, using cross-national comparisons, ex-

amine how family policies and cultural contexts influence the effect of motherhood on workers' wages. This work will draw on Misun's training in quantitative methods, is expected to culminate in the publication of journal articles, and should involve new collaborative research projects.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

In part drawing on her active research agenda, Misun has developed and taught courses on the sociology of education, statistics, and an introductory sociology seminar. She is particularly excited about teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in the areas of family, gender, stratification and inequality, and quantitative research methods.



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Lachlan McNamee completed his Ph.D. at Stanford University in 2019 and will be an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) starting in mid-2020.

Lachlan combines a regional interest in Chinese politics with a broader theoretical interest in state-sponsored demographic change.

Whilst at the EUI, he will be working on a book project exploring the conditions under which states expel and resettle ethnic groups. He has collected new historical quantitative data on ethnic cleansing and mass resettlement from

China, the former USSR, Australia and Rwanda. Rather than domestic politics, land availability, or ethno-racial ideologies, he found that the incidence of settler colonialism and ethnic cleansing is better explained by the military concerns of states and the value of frontier territory to state and settler. His goal is to complete the book manuscript by the end of the 2019-2020 academic year.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Lachlan also has experience teaching Chinese politics and comparative politics at an undergraduate level.



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Fabian Mushövel is a political economist completing his Ph.D. in European political economy at the London School of Economics. During his Ph.D. he held visiting scholar positions at the Economics Department at UC Berkeley and the Government Department at Harvard University. He has worked previously as a consultant for Chatham House and analyst at the Centre for Economic Performance.

His research focuses on matters of economic inequality and redistribution as well as the politics of the welfare state and its reform, both in Europe and other advanced capitalist democracies. At the LSE, Fabian was part of the International Inequalities Institute's Leverhulme Doctoral Programme. In his dissertation, Fabian assessed the distributive effects of austerity measures and structural reforms during the Eurozone crisis, with a particular focus on how the involvement of non-majoritarian institutions

affects how the burden of adjustment is distributed among different social groups.

In his Max Weber Fellowship, Fabian's research centres around welfare state reforms in advanced capitalist democracies in the post-2008 era. Specifically, he looks at how modern welfare states change in the face of limited fiscal space and increased contestation among the electorate.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Fabian has taught undergraduate level seminars at LSE in 'capitalism, democracy and equality', and 'the politics of economic policy', for which he won a teaching excellence award.



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Takuya Onoda obtained his Ph.D. in Political Science from the London School of Economics in 2019. He has bachelor's and master's degrees in law and political science from the University of Tokyo and has visiting experience at Sciences Po.

Takuya's research is in the fields of comparative public policy and comparative politics, with particular interests in the state, regulatory politics, and health and social policies. He currently studies how regulatory reforms have changed the role of the state and its relations with society. By comparing pharmaceutical regulation in Europe, he examines the drivers of policy development after reg-

ulatory reforms. As a Max Weber Fellow, he plans to develop a book manuscript and journal articles on regulatory politics in Europe and Japan.

Another line of his research concerns European integration and EU policy, especially in the domains of social and industrial policies.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Takuya has taught undergraduate and master's level courses on comparative public policy, comparative politics, and comparative political economy.



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Victoria Paniagua is a political scientist whose research agenda lies at the intersection between comparative and international political economy. Her work explores the contemporary and historical political economy of development, redistribution, and state building in developing countries.

At the EUI, Victoria will be working primarily on a book manuscript based on her dissertation, which was the recipient of the 2019 Mancur Olson Award given by the American Political Science Association for the best dissertation in political economy completed in the previous two years. In this work she explores why, how, and to what extent economic elites influence developmental and redistributive policies. Her answer to these questions departs from standard political economy approaches built on the assumption that economic elites' interests can be traced to a single sector or asset. Instead, she proposes that the structure of elites' asset portfolios is crucial to ex-

plain their policy preferences, how they engage with state actors to advance them and, ultimately, their capacity to influence the policymaking process. She examines this argument in Argentina and Chile, leveraging over a century of data from previously untapped historical archives; she is working on extending this work to developed economies, including the United States.

Victoria received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Duke University in 2018. During 2018-2019, she was a Visiting Fellow at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Prior to studying at Duke, she received her B.A. and M.A. degrees in Political Science from Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in Argentina.



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Tamara Popic studies comparative politics of welfare states. She holds a Ph.D. in political and social science from the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, Italy. Tamara has been a post-doctoral fellow at NORFACE project 'HEALTHDOX: The Paradox of Health State Future' at the University of Lisbon, visiting fellow at Trinity College Dublin and a coordinator of Welfare State Futures Programme at the EUI.

Tamara specializes in the politics of health care reforms in Europe, with a focus on institutions, party politics and public opinion in health care policymaking. In her current research she analyses the impact of crisis and austerity on health care politics and policy and policy responsiveness in European periphery countries and new democracies. Her work has appeared in *Journal of European Social Policy*, *Journal of Social Policy*, *Health Policy and in Social Policy and Administration*. She is also one of

the editors of the forthcoming *Health Politics in Europe: A Handbook*.

During her Max Weber Fellowship, Tamara will work on the manuscript of a book on politics and policy responsiveness of health reforms in new Eastern European democracies, with a working title 'Politics of Healthcare Reforms in Eastern Europe: Between public opinion and policy outcomes'.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Tamara has taught and tutored B.A. and M.A. level students in topics of public and social policy, and institutional theory at James Madison University in Florence, Heinrich Heine University in Dusseldorf and at the Institute for Social and Political Sciences in Lisbon.



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Ari Ray is a political scientist whose research centers on comparative political behavior and political economy. She will defend her Ph.D. thesis at the University of Zurich in fall 2019. During her studies, Ari was an SNSF pre-doctoral Fellow at the Political Science Department of Stanford University, as well as a Visiting Scholar at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin. She holds an MSc from the London School of Economics and a BSc from Copenhagen Business School.

In her dissertation, Ari studied distributional conflict and the behavioral foundations of economic policymaking in the Eurozone periphery. Among other questions, this work evaluated factors shaping the fiscal attitudes of political actors during the crisis, as well as how these preferences translated into political coalitions between societal interests.

In addition to her work on fiscal policy, Ari also researches questions pertaining to socio-political inequality. During her time as a Max Weber Fellow, she will evaluate the extent to which informal network ties affect the political career trajectories of American citizens. Her project, jointly undertaken together with William Marble at Stanford University, has been awarded the Russell Sage Foundation's Small Grant in Computational Social Science.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Ari has taught topics in comparative and international political economy to undergraduates at the University of Zurich.



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Eniola Anuoluwapo Soyemi holds a Ph.D. in Political Science (Political Philosophy) from Boston University, and an MSc. from University College London.

She is currently working on a book manuscript, which asks how law comes to wield an especial type of legitimacy that secures the general obedience of a given population. Her book project combines political and legal philosophy with experimental fieldwork in Nigeria, and archival research methods in England. By analysing, in particular, the arguments of Aristotle, Rousseau, and H.L.A. Hart, Eniola's book project argues for an understanding of law's moral legitimacy that is separate from the internal

morality of law, but that is prior, and accounts for, its legal legitimacy. The project demonstrates a connection between participation, citizens' perception of the law's moral legitimacy, and obedience. The project does not follow the trends of deliberative democratic theory, but in fact acts as a challenge to that sub-field.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Eniola's research and teaching interests are in Ancient to Early Modern Western Political Philosophy, African Philosophy, Modern Political Theory (Justice, Liberty and Freedom, Political and Moral Obligation), Legal Philosophy, Deliberative Theory, and Experimental Research Methods.



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Judith Spirig is a postdoctoral affiliate of the Stanford-Zurich Immigration Policy Lab and previously held the position of postdoctoral researcher at the University of Zurich's Department of Political Science, where she earned her Ph.D. in Spring 2018.

After B.A. studies at the University of Basel in philosophy, economics and English literature, she completed an MSc in International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies at the London School of Economics and Political Science. In 2015, she received one of the Swiss National Science Foundation's Doc.CH grants to write her doctoral thesis on the effect of extra-legal factors on asylum appeal decisions. In 2016 and 2017, she continued her research at the LSE's Government Department and Stanford University's Political Science Department and Immigration Policy Lab.

Her main research interests include political behavior, attitude formation, dis-

crimination against and attitudes toward out-groups.

As a Max Weber Fellow, she will leverage quasi-experimental research designs and historical data to study the roots of contemporary exclusionary attitudes. In particular, she will explore the transmission of historic anti-Semitism and its connection to contemporary exclusionary attitudes, such as Islamophobia, anti-immigrant sentiment and anti-Semitism, in Switzerland.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Judith has (co-)taught classes in comparative politics and quantitative methods, including a B.A.-level seminar entitled 'Forced Migration and Its (Political) Consequences', a Capstone course in which M.A. students carried out the project 'Analyzing Human Trafficking Data' for IOM (with Marco Steenbergen), and an MA-level course on 'Statistical Models in Political Analysis', where she served as teaching fellow (taught by Lukas Stötzer).



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Arianna Tassinari completed her Ph.D. in the Industrial Relations Research Unit at the University of Warwick, UK. She holds a B.A. in Politics and Development Studies from SOAS, University of London and an MSc in Comparative Social Policy from the University of Oxford. During her Ph.D., she held visiting positions at the University of Milan (Italy), at ISCTE-IUL (Portugal), and at UCD (Ireland).

Arianna's research interests and publications record span comparative political economy, industrial relations and social policy. She is interested in studying the adaptation of labour market policy, industrial relations and welfare state institutions in the face of adjustment pressures – from economic crises to technological change. Her Ph.D. thesis analysed the changing role of organised producer groups in crisis-responsive policymaking across the Eurozone periphery during the Great Recession. She has also cultivated a parallel research agenda on

the impact of digitalisation and the platform economy on labour relations.

At the EUI, Arianna will focus on publishing peer-reviewed articles and writing a book proposal based on her Ph.D. thesis. She also plans to develop a new research project on the comparative political economy of the adjustment strategies pursued by peripheral EU countries after the Great Recession, and on their implications for changes in labour markets, industrial relations and domestic coalitional politics.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

During her time at the University of Warwick, Arianna has acquired extensive teaching experience as a seminar tutor in employment relations, comparative political economy and social science research methods.



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Alina Vrânceanu is a political scientist with a research focus on political representation, public opinion, party competition and comparative politics. She is expected to receive her Ph.D. in Political Science at Pompeu Fabra University in 2018.

Alina's Ph.D. research focused on mass-elite linkages in the context of the immigration issue. Some of her recent research has been published in *Party Politics*. As a Max Weber Fellow, she will build upon and expand her previous research by focusing on additional factors that influence the connection between political parties and citizens on the immigration issue. In this sense, she aims to explore how cross-pressured voters form preferences about this issue. Furthermore, she is interested in the

polarisation of citizens' preferences in this policy area and the extent to which it may be influenced by polarisation at party level and by institutional factors such as the welfare state.

During her Ph.D., Alina was a visiting Ph.D. candidate at the University of Essex, Department of Government, as well as a researcher within the Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology at Pompeu Fabra University.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Alina has acquired teaching experience in 'Introduction to political science' at undergraduate level.



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At the EUI, Annabelle Wittels will be using experiments and quasi-experiments to investigate how attitudes relevant to policy preferences and vote choices, in particular attitudes on immigration and prejudice, spread through social networks.

Before joining the EUI, Annabelle completed a Ph.D. (2016-2019) on ‘Experiments on bureaucrat behaviour and public participation’ at University College London (UCL). Her research interests centre on political behaviour, elite decision making and public opinion. With a background in international development and extensive field experience in Sub-Saharan Africa, Annabelle is also always keen to keep an eye on research about the Global South.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

During her Ph.D., Annabelle was a teaching assistant at Kings College London where she taught a Masters level course on Causal Inference (Dr. Florian Foos) and a Bachelor level introductory course on social science methods (Dr. Adrian Blau).



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Alexandra Zeitz is a political scientist specializing in international political economy, focusing particularly on developing countries' position within the international financial system. From July 2020, she will join the Department of Political Science at Brown University as an Assistant Professor.

Alexandra's research examines how African countries' access to new sources of external finance affects negotiations with traditional donors and creditors; she draws on data on the terms of aid and development finance and fieldwork in Ethiopia, Ghana, and Kenya. In addition, she has published on the politics of financial regulation and cross-border banking in developing countries and is conducting research on the global relationship between migration and financial integration.

During the Max Weber Fellowship, Alexandra will work on her book manuscript exploring the implications of a

diversified financing landscape for developing countries' negotiations with donors and creditors. Moreover, she will extend her research on the politics of international finance by examining state-supported export finance, investigating the consequences of growing competition between advanced economies and emerging powers in export credits.

Alexandra completed her DPhil (Ph.D.) in International Relations at the University of Oxford in 2019. She holds an MPhil in International Relations from the University of Oxford and a B.A. (Hons) in Politics, Psychology, and Sociology from the University of Cambridge.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Alexandra has taught International Relations, international political economy, and African politics at the undergraduate level and quantitative methods at the graduate level.



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Eva Zschirnt is a sociologist with a strong interdisciplinary background. Her research lies at the intersection of sociology, labour market research and social psychology. She is interested in the field of migration policy, with a focus on integration and discrimination. Her Ph.D. project analyses ‘Ethnic discrimination in hiring decisions in the Swiss labour market’ by conducting a field experiment in Switzerland, and shows the existence of ethnic hierarchies. Next to this focus on the labour market, she is also working on a research project on ethnic discrimination in the housing market, which uses the same experimental methodology.

During her fellowship at the EUI she will draw on this experience in discrimination research and experimental methods in the social sciences. She contributes to

the international debate on hiring discrimination by focusing not only on ethnicity but also on the importance of language skills in the application process.

Eva holds a B.A. in European Studies from Maastricht University in the Netherlands and an M.A. in Migration and Law with distinction from Queen Mary University of London (UK). From 2014-2018, she was a Ph.D. researcher at the University of Neuchâtel in Switzerland in the framework of ‘nccr – on the move’, a research centre funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation that brings together researchers in migration studies from numerous Swiss universities.



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Silvia D'Amato received her Ph.D. in Political Science from the Institute of Humanities and Social Science of the Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Italy. Her research project examines dynamics of counterterrorism cooperation and competition in Europe. More specifically, the project investigates how and to what extent counterterrorism efforts of the Member States respond to a dynamic of cooperation or competition, through comparative research focusing on four domains of counterterrorism: political-strategic; intelligence-sharing, organisational and procedural domain.

Currently, she is working on her Ph.D.-based book, 'Cultures of Counterterrorism: The French and Italian response in the post-9/11', for the Routledge series Contemporary Security Studies (forthcoming).

During her Ph.D. programme, Silvia served as visiting researcher in the Department of Social and Behavioural

Sciences at the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and in the Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique in Paris.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Silvia served as a teaching assistant for courses in International Relations at the University of Bologna (Forli Campus) and in European Political Systems at the University of Genoa. Since completing her doctoral studies, she has taught courses of Comparative European Politics and Transatlantic Relations at the James Madison University (M.A. EU Policy Studies Programme).



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Sebastian Diessner holds a Ph.D. from the London School of Economics and Political Science, completed in 2019. His doctoral dissertation focused on the political economy of central banking and central bank independence in times of crisis in Europe and Japan.

His research interests include comparative political economy, the politics of macroeconomic policy, transparency and accountability, and quantitative and qualitative methods in the social sciences. He also takes a keen interest in advocacy work, especially towards the European Parliament.

During his Max Weber Fellowship, Sebastian will focus on the post-crisis era of policy ‘normalization’ and study the rising challenges for macroeconomic policy coordination in advanced capitalist democracies.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Sebastian has taught undergraduate classes in the Politics of Economic Policy at the LSE Department of Government, and postgraduate classes in Comparative Political Economy at King’s College London.



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Emilien Fargues specializes in the field of citizenship and migration, working on exclusions from citizenship (refusals of naturalisation and revocation of citizenship). He is interested in what exclusions reveal about the political, moral, economic, or ethno-cultural dimensions of national membership, in a variety of domestic settings. His comparative Ph.D. research in political science (political theory), supervised by Dr Réjane Sénac (CEVIPOF, Sciences Po) and Dr Janie Pélabay (CEVIPOF, Sciences Po) at Sciences Po Paris, focuses on the justifications for the granting and stripping of nationality in the United Kingdom and France.

Emilien's postdoctoral project for the Fellowship extends the questions he is exploring to a larger number of countries, going beyond Europe. It includes the construction of a global database on exclusions from naturalisation and a more in-depth investigation of specific cases. To conduct this project, he will be

working together with Liav Orgad and his Global Citizenship Governance project and with the GLOBALCIT network at the RSCAS.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Teaching is an important component of Emilien's academic profile. His teaching interests range widely, from introductory courses in political science/political sociology at an undergraduate level, to undergraduate and postgraduate courses on methods and research design in political science. He has taught his own course on citizenship and migration at Sciences Po Paris to undergraduate students. In addition, he has taught and supervised in both English and French in multiple academic settings, with students from diverse backgrounds.

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David Moloney's specific research interests are on Brexit, the Eurozone crisis and reforms to the Economic and Monetary Union, and more broadly EU politics and legislative decision-making. At the EUI he will be conducting research on the influence of policy actors on the Brexit negotiations.

David studied in Ireland where he obtained a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Limerick. He was awarded a scholarship from the University of Limerick's Department of Politics and Public Administration to carry out his doctoral research on the bargaining success of different policy actors in reforming the EU's economic governance framework during the Eurozone crisis. Specifically, the research measured and explained the bargaining success of the Council of Ministers, the European Council, European Central Bank, European Council, European Parliament, the then 27 member states and the Members of

the European Parliament on a range of controversial issues during the negotiations on the European Council's 2010 Task Force report 'Strengthening Economic Governance in the EU' and the legislative package known as the Six-Pack. The scholarship awarded by the University of Limerick's Department of Politics and Public Administration was replaced with a Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship from the Irish Research Council. The scholarship is Ireland's most prestigious award for Ph.D. students.

**Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

David has lectured and tutored at the University of Limerick and the University of Leicester on a number of modules including 'EU studies', 'EU legislative decision-making', 'European Comparative Politics' and 'EU Politics'.



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Dr Caitlin Procter's research examines the impact of protracted conflict, violence and displacement on young people in the Middle East. She earned her Ph.D. in International Development at the University of Oxford in March 2019. Funded by the ESRC, her doctoral research in the occupied Palestinian territories studied the ways refugee youth make decisions about their futures under severe political constraints, specifically around education, livelihoods, and migration. During the 2018/19 academic year, Caitlin was a Research Fellow at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, where she began postdoctoral field research investigating the political economy of irregular migration in Gaza. Caitlin will spend the academic year 2019/20 working on her book manuscript, provisionally titled, *Precarious Politics: the migration networks and trajectories of Palestinian refugee youth from Gaza to Europe*.

Caitlin holds an M.A. in Social Anthropology from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and is completing a Diploma in International Human Rights Law at the University of Nottingham. She is the co-founder of an online project on ethnographic research methods, *The New Ethnographer*, and is finalizing a research methods book manuscript titled *The New Ethnographer: Contemporary Challenges in Ethnographic Research*. She has worked extensively as a consultant and advisor with UNHCR, UNRWA, UNICEF and multiple NGOs in the Middle East. Her working languages are English, French and Arabic.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Caitlin has experience in teaching at M.A. level in research methods and theoretical approaches to Social Anthropology.



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Wessel Reijers received his Ph.D. at the Dublin City University and did his research in the ADAPT Centre for digital content technologies, on the topic of methods for practising ethics in research and innovation processes. His research interests are on the one hand concerned with philosophical reflection and theory building, most notably concerning hermeneutical approaches to analyse and understand emerging technologies, and on the other hand branch out towards a variety of themes, such as blockchain technology and the digital commons.

During his Max Weber Fellowship, he aims to open up a new field of research, namely the philosophical study of 'governance technology for global citizenship'. The focus of this research will be to build a theoretical understanding of the role that emerging technologies play in the governance of the institution of citizenship and to use this understanding to study concrete applications of 'citizenship technologies', such as identity

registers and blockchain-based cloud communities.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Wessel has taught bachelor and master students at the Dublin City University, on the topics of applied ethics, ethics of technology, and the ethic and politics of digital money.



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Ester Sigillò holds a Ph.D. from the Institute of Social and Political Science at the Scuola Normale Superiore in Florence (Italy), following an MSc in International Relations of the European Union at the College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium).

Her research interests include: transnational policies of democracy promotion, civil society in the Arab world, the nexus between religion and politics and Islamic activism in Tunisia.

Her thesis examined the dynamics of the politicization of the Tunisian associative field after 2011, through the analysis of the interaction of international and domestic factors on the interests and preferences of local associations.

During her Ph.D. programme Ester served as a visiting research fellow at the Institut de recherche sur le Maghreb Contemporain (IRMC) in Tunis. In the framework of her doctoral activities she

also served as research fellow of the ERC project TARICA ‘Political and Socio-institutional Change in North Africa: Competition of Models and Diversity of Trajectories’, with research on the dynamics of pluralization of Tunisian Islamist Politics.

During her fellowship at the European University Institute she intends to pursue her research on the transformation of Islamist movements through a comparative perspective, as well as expand her dissertation into a book.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

Since completing her doctoral studies, Ester has taught European Union politics and policies at Georgetown University (Florence Campus) and Euro-Mediterranean Relations at the Università per gli Stranieri di Perugia.



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Anja is studying the link between Europeanisation and national elite's discourse on the future trajectory of European integration. At the EUI, she will be studying the emergence of different clusters of parliaments in the EU in which MPs' share the same role understandings. From a more theoretical perspective, Anja is interested in the question of how sociological approaches, in particular Max Weber's 'old' institutionalism, help better to understand institutionalisation and deinstitutionalisation processes in the EU and their effects. Her book *Assemblée nationale, Bundestag and the European Union. The micro-so-*

*ciological causes of the European integration paradox* (Studies of the European Union Series, Baden-Baden: NOMOS) drawn from her award-winning Ph.D. thesis will be published in autumn 2019.

Anja is also member of the 'Expert group on national parliaments in the EU architecture' at the EUI's School of Transnational Governance.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

She has taught extensively on all levels of the curriculum on issues linked to the EU's polity and governance, comparative politics and political science approaches and methods in university institutions in France, Germany and throughout Europe, most recently in the European Affairs Master's of Sciences Po Paris and the University of Nantes.



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Stylianos (Stelios) Tsiaras is a macroeconomist working on monetary policy and macro-finance issues using quantitative macroeconomic tools. Most notably, his research focuses on the post crisis non-standard monetary policy practices of the European Central Bank and to what extent they affected the real economy, banking activity and inequality in the Euro Area.

Stelios obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Surrey in 2019 supervised by Martin Kaae Jensen and Tom Holden. He holds an MSc degree from the Barcelona GSE. He has also been a Ph.D. research scholar at the Bank of Greece.

His research agenda during the Max Weber Fellowship includes work on macroeconomic models with heterogeneous agents and new policies that could downplay the impact of financial crises on households' welfare. He also participates in a project focused on new mechanisms that would enhance Euro Area integration and economic stabilization.

### **Expertise for Teaching and Mentoring of Ph.D. Researchers**

During his Ph.D. studies he taught undergraduate courses on microeconomics and macroeconomics and, at postgraduate level, econometrics and finance.



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