

'What better place than the EUI to write about an aspect of European integration that cuts across the disciplines of politics, economics, law and history? What better company than thirty-nine other post-doctoral fellows from across the world participating in a programme designed to encourage interdisciplinary dialogue?'

Helen Callaghan, Social and Political Science, Max Weber Fellow 2006-2008

'The incomparable working conditions at the Villa La Fonte, the kindness and efficiency of the Library staff and the hospitable surrounding of San Domenico all contributed to this being a very memorable and productive year.'

Bojan Aleksov, Lecturer in Modern South-East European History, School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies, University College of London, Max Weber Fellow 2006-2007

'Though a cliché, time certainly does fly! Can the Tuscan environment be responsible for a metaphysical acceleration of these six to twelve months that fellows' research stints usually last? I am just getting frustrated, no less, to see that my amazing stay at the European University Institute, which I had prepared for and dreamt of for quite some time, is coming to an end.'

Stéphane Beaulac, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Montreal, Canada, Max Weber Fellow 2006-2007

'I realize how lucky I have been to share an office in such a rich and stimulating environment. At Villa La Fonte, I had the pleasure of exchanging ideas with colleagues from different disciplines, educational backgrounds and cultures... I am sure the knowledge and experience I have gained at the EUI this year will be with me for a lifetime...'

Maria Heracleous, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, American University, Washington, Max Weber Fellow 2006-2007

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Who?

The Max Weber Fellowships are open to candidates of any nationality whose Ph.D. thesis has been submitted and accepted for defence at the time of the start of the programme (September 1st). Candidates are eligible during the five-year period following the successful completion of their Ph.D.. Fellowships are for one or two years.

What?

The Max Weber Programme of the European University Institute is the largest international postdoctoral programme for young researchers in the social sciences and humanities. The fellowships are designed for young researchers who not only want to take advantage of a period of concentration on their research but also to enhance their academic practice in a very active and multidisciplinary environment. The Max Weber Programme opened its doors to the first cohort of 40 international postdoctoral fellows in September 2006. The programme is funded by the European Commission (DG Education and Culture) and uses English as the common working language.

Why?

The aim of the Max Weber Programme is to set standards of excellence in research and academic practice and, in doing so, to become a stepping stone in the early development of a fruitful academic career for the Max Weber Fellows.



Academic Careers Observatory

The Academic Careers Observatory has been developed as part of the Max Weber Programme's aim to assist young scholars in enhancing their academic career. The Observatory is an online resource for scholars at all stages of their career. The website provides a comparative framework for reflection on the situation, problems and perspectives of academic careers in the humanities and social sciences in Europe and elsewhere.

Excellence in research and academia requires an international framework of reference. As a result, mobility in the academic profession is a key element for Higher Education institutions to play a leading role in the global knowledge society. Max Weber Fellows, as well as the EUI doctoral researchers, are proof of such internationalization. Yet most academic careers follow national patterns and important information is not always easily accessible. The MWP Academic Careers Observatory aims to fill this gap by offering information on career curricula, promotion requirements, salary levels, and practical information on the academic profession in a large variety of national settings. The website also serves as an observatory of the degree of openness of different academic systems and as a job search tool offering substantial links to job platforms as well as a list of available funding for scholars from the postdoctoral to the professorial level.

The Observatory operates on an interactive basis and users are strongly encouraged to access the website and send comments or correct and modify pages and information where needed.

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