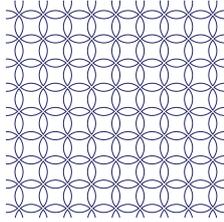
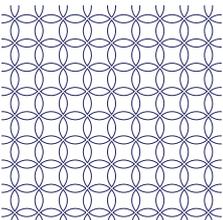
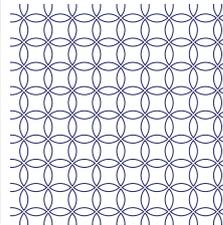
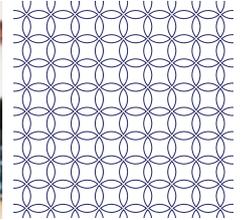
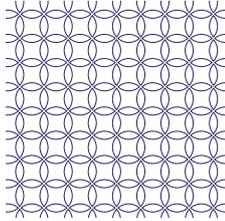




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## WHAT IS THE MAX WEBER PROGRAMME?

The Max Weber Programme is the largest international postdoctoral programme in the social sciences and humanities in Europe. Launched in September 2006, the Programme is funded by the European Commission (DG Education and Culture) and provides bursaries for over 40 Max Weber Fellows. In addition, the Programme also may select, under the same criteria, Fellows supported by external funders. Max Weber Fellows are each affiliated with one of the EUI departments, and they enjoy a unique opportunity to develop research among peers from different disciplines and nationalities on a daily basis whilst enhancing professional academic skills and acquiring the MWP Teaching Certificate.

## WHO CAN BE A MAX WEBER FELLOW?

Max Weber Fellowships are designed for young scholars who want to concentrate on their research and enhance their academic practice in a dynamic and multidisciplinary environment. The Fellowships are for one or two years and are open to candidates of any nationality, including those from outside the EU. Candidates must have successfully submitted their PhDs with approval for defence by 1 September of the year they enter the Programme, and they may apply up to five years after the successful completion of their doctorates.



## WHY BECOME A MAX WEBER FELLOW?

The aim of the MWP is to provide young academics with the opportunity to actively participate in a vibrant academic community. The Programme supports Fellows doing advanced research whilst helping them develop the skills necessary for a future academic career by providing them with research funds, access to world-class research facilities, and the possibility to collaborate and network through specially organised thematic research groups, workshops, and conferences involving Fellows and distinguished academics from within and without the EUI. The structured programme covers all aspects of an academic career, including grant-writing, academic writing in English, and teaching opportunities in some of Europe's top universities. The Programme, along with the Academic Careers Observatory, helps Fellows strategise their job searches.

Eight years after its inception, former Max Weber Fellows can be found in top academic institutions across the globe.

[www.eui.eu/MaxWeberProgramme](http://www.eui.eu/MaxWeberProgramme)



## WHERE IS THE MAX WEBER PROGRAMME?

The Max Weber Programme is part of the European University Institute (EUI) in San Domenico di Fiesole, a few kilometres from the centre of Florence, Italy. The campus occupies several historical buildings, most notably the Badia Fiesolana, the Villa Schifanoia, Villa Salviati and the Convento di San Domenico.

A leading international academic institution with a European focus, the EUI's departments of Economics, History and Civilization, Law, and Political and Social Sciences, as well as its Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, host scholars from more than 60 countries. Alongside its doctoral programmes in the four departments, the Institute is also a host institution for Jean Monnet and Marie Curie Fellows, and offers a number of visiting opportunities for advanced scholars. The EUI's distinctly international environment provides unique academic training, a rich intellectual experience and exceptional opportunities for academics seeking to research across disciplines and borders.

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## ACADEMIC CAREERS OBSERVATORY

The Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) was developed as part of the Max Weber Programme out of the need to provide information on academic careers in Europe and beyond to scholars at any stage in their careers. Designed as an online resource, the ACO website is visited thousands of times a month, and provides a comparative framework for reflection on the state of affairs of academic careers around the world. It offers exhaustive data on topics such as career curricula, salary levels, degree of openness and job security in 40 different national settings. Additionally, the Observatory serves as a job research tool, providing links to major employment platforms and lists of available funding opportunities for scholars. ACO regularly organises international conferences and collaborates with the main European research associations to discuss and evaluate academic careers and research funding schemes.

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“The Fellowship gave me time to work on my research. For several years afterward my professional activities and publications can be traced to research ideas and collaborations that started at that time. The MWP activities were a major source of inspiration for my work as a Lecturer at Nottingham University, as a teacher and manager of our postgraduate programme. The year provided plenty of opportunities to meet researchers from my generation and established scholars who were based at or passing through the EUI. We all felt we were members of a family of young professional scholars with the EUI at its centre and it still feels so today.”

**Jan-Hinrik Meyer-Sahling**

Lecturer in European Politics, Nottingham University  
Max Weber Fellow 2007-2008

“The Max Weber Programme provides a unique opportunity to meet fellow scholars from other disciplines and see how things are done in different academic cultures. The Programme itself and the many seminars and events organized at the EUI provide ample room to explore new ideas and work together with other Fellows and colleagues from the EUI’s departments. I was able to learn a lot, read a lot and write a lot – and of course I got to enjoy the beautiful setting in the hills of Fiesole and Florentine ice cream!”

**Karin DeVries**

Assistant Professor, VU University Amsterdam  
Max Weber Fellow 2011-2012



“The MWP created an exceptional interdisciplinary intellectual environment that allowed me to build bridges with sociologists, economists and jurists, enriching my own perspective as a historian. I was lucky to be part of an extraordinary cohort of historians, from whom I learned a great deal. Finally, I was impressed by the commitment to collegiality within the MWP – an intangible but critical foundation to life in research.”

**Simon Jackson**

EUI Jean Monnet Fellow  
Max Weber Fellow 2012-2013



**Professor Richard Bellamy**  
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