



Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Max Weber Programme

- Europe's largest postdoctoral programme in the Social Sciences and Humanities, with 40 international fellows each year
- Unique postdoctoral programme focusing on research and academic excellence for recent PhD graduates in Economics, History, Law and Social and Political Sciences
- English as a working language with support for Academic English Writing
- Affiliation to EUI departments and mentorship provided by EUI professors
- Teaching opportunities within the EUI and an international network of universities
- Support for job search activities
- First class library and data sets
- One or two year grants
- Office facilities with desktop computer in the beautiful Villa La Fonte in San Domenico di Fiesole
- Language courses, housing assistance and children's crèche

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

The European University Institute is one of the world's leading academic institutions for postgraduate studies in the social sciences. The EUI was founded in 1972 by the European Community member states to provide advanced academic training and to promote research at the highest level. Since then, the EUI has expanded considerably and now hosts an academic community of about 800 Ph.D. researchers, post-doctoral fellows and professors.

MAX WEBER PROGRAMME

The Max Weber Programme opened its doors to the first cohort of 40 postdoctoral fellows in September 2006 and is the largest international postdoctoral programme for young researchers in the social sciences. The programme is funded by the European Commission (Directorate General for Education and Culture) and uses English as the common working language. The Max Weber Programme is an active and structured postdoctoral programme where fellows can concentrate on their own research and at the same time improve their Academic Practice and intellectually benefit from being in a multidisciplinary environment. 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.

Within the European University Institute, the Max Weber Programme is located in Villa La Fonte in San Domenico di Fiesole, a small village in the hills overlooking Florence. The Programme's bringing together of a 'critical mass' of social science researchers in this beautiful Tuscan setting provides a stimulating and enjoyable atmosphere for the programme.

CANDIDATES

The Max Weber Fellowships are open to candidates of any nationality whose Ph.D. thesis has been officially submitted and accepted for its final defence at the time of the start of the programme (1 September). Candidates are eligible during the five-year period following the successful completion of their Ph.D. Max Weber Fellowships are for 1 or 2 years.

A Max Weber Fellowship is designed for young researchers who want to take advantage of a period of concentration on their research and to enhance their academic practice in a very active and multidisciplinary environment such as the EUI. The Max Weber Programme is particularly apt for people with sufficient intellectual curiosity to take advantage of the programme's diversity.

Max Weber Fellows are mainly selected on the basis of excellence of research accomplishments and potential, and also on their academic career interests (their fit with the MWP as a multidisciplinary programme for the improvement of academic practices) and the availability of EUI faculty to provide proper mentorship.

Max Weber Fellows are associated with one of the four EUI departments (Economics, History, Law and Social and Political Science), and are supported by a mentor who is a professor in the corresponding department. The Max Weber Fellows are expected to contribute with their research to the Max Weber Programme Publications (e.g. MWP Working Paper Series) and regularly participate in Max Weber Programme activities, as well as in departmental seminars or workshops. Fellows are also encouraged to form research groups with other Fellows and Ph.D. researchers from the EUI community.

Max Weber Lecturers in 2006-2007

Perry Anderson, Department of History, UCLA
Roger Guesnerie, Chair for Economic Theory and Social Organization, Collège de France
Stephen Haber, Department of Political Science & Hoover Institution, Stanford University
Russell Hardin, The Wilf Family Department of Politics, New York University
James J. Heckman, Department of Economics, University of Chicago
Hartmut Kaelble, Department of History, Humboldt University
Martti Koskeniemi, Faculty of Law, University of Helsinki

Deirdre McCloskey, Departments of History, Economics, English, and Communication, University of Illinois at Chicago
Joel Mokyr, Departments of Economics and History, Northwestern University
John Hardman Moore, Department of Economics, London School of Economics
Fritz Scharpf, Max Planck Institute for the Studies of Societies, Cologne
Gunther Teubner, Institut für Arbeits-, Wirtschafts- und Zivilrecht, JWG University of Frankfurt
Lucette Valensi, Centre d'Histoire Social de l'Islam Méditerranéen, EHESS

Max Weber Conferences in 2006-2007

'Max Weber in the 21st Century: Transdisciplinarity within the Social Sciences' (27-28 April 2007)
'Research and Higher Education in Europe: Opportunities and Challenges for Young Academics' (24 May 2007)
'Constitutions and Markets' (14-15 June 2007)
'Academic Careers in the Social Sciences & Humanities: National Comparisons and Opportunities' (30 November 2007)



PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

The Max Weber Programme activities are designed to further strengthen the international academic careers of the postdoctoral fellows, and most of the activities are open to all members of the EUI community. The activities are organized to assist fellows in their training and their career ambitions, while leaving them ample time to pursue their individual research agendas.

The monthly Max Weber Lectures (MWL) and the Multidisciplinary Research Workshops (MRW) provide a reference for leading perspectives on research in Social Sciences and Humanities and offer a forum for multidisciplinary discussion.

The Max Weber Programme on Academic Practice is oriented to reflect on, and develop, standards of excellence in Academic Practice, with a special focus on Academic Communication, writing, presenting and teaching. It also embraces other professional aspects, such as participation in the academic job market, grant application and management, best practices in publishing, refereeing, mentoring and curriculum development.

The programme activities are organised into three separate terms. Each individual term is dedicated to specific topics related to Academic Practice. The first term focusses on participating in the academic job market. The second term concentrates on teaching and presenting in Higher Education. Activities in the third term concern research grant application and management.

ACADEMIC CAREERS OBSERVATORY

The Academic Careers Observatory is an online resource for scholars at all stages of their career. The website provides a 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 many other young researchers, are proof of such internationalization. Yet, most academic careers follow national patterns and information on career possibilities, requirements and standard practices are 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 postdoctoral to professorial level.

The Observatory operates on an interactive basis; everyone is strongly encouraged to access the website and send comments or correct and modify pages and information where needed. www.eui.eu/MaxWeberProgramme/AcademicCareers/

Max Weber Postdoctoral Programme

Max Weber Fellows during the Academic Years 2006-2008

Frank Adloff, Germany
Jose Maria Aguilera Manzano, Spain
Yoko Akachi, Japan
Bojan Aleksov, Serbia
Umut Aydin, Turkey
Jörg Balsiger, Switzerland
Mariano Barbato, Germany
Aniko Eszter Bartha, Hungary
Andrew Beattie, Australia
Stéphane Beaulac, Canada
Marc Berenson, USA
Stefania Bernini, Italy
Guido Boni, Italy
Manuel Borutta, Germany
Lars Börner, Switzerland
Sabina Brevaglieri, Italy
Erzsebeth Bukodi, Hungary
Helen Callaghan, Germany
Sergio Catignani, Italy
Déborah Cohen, France
Matei Demetrescu, Romania
Arthur Dyevre, France
Valentina Fava, Italy
Margherita Fort, Italy
Jörg Friedrichs, Germany

Roberto Galibati, Italy
Athanasios Gekas, Greece
Christophe Germann, Switzerland
Paolo Giordani, Italy
Katja Maria Haustein, Germany
Maria Heracleous, Cyprus
Thomas Hintermaier, Austria
Hannes Hofmeister, Austria
Giammario Impullitti, Italy
Heather Suzanne Jones, Ireland
Ming-Sung Kuo, Taiwan
Rinku Lamba, India
Brigitte Le Normand, Canada
Mariely Lopez-Santana, Puerto Rico
Anna Lo Prete, Italy
Marco J. Lombardi, Italy
Stéphanie Mahieu, Belgium
Francesco Maiani, San Marino
Paolo Masella, Italy
Carmen Menchini, Italy
Jan-Hinrik Meyer-Sahling, Germany
András Miklos, Hungary
Juan Rafael Morillas, Spain
Lorenzo Mosca, Italy
Ekaterina Mouliarova, Russia

Stephanie Lee Mudge, USA
María Belén Olmos Giupponi, Argentina
Valeria Pansini, Italy
Alexander Peine, Germany
Alicia Pérez-Alonso, Spain
Roman Petrov, Ukraine
Margarita Petrova, Bulgaria
Carlos Ponce, Argentina
Christina Poncibo, Italy
Anne Rasmussen, Denmark
Gisela Rühl, Germany
Rubén Ruiz Rufino, Spain
Philip Sauré, Germany
Svein Atle Skålevåg, Norway
Antonio Stopani, Italy
Anastasia Stouraiti, Greece
Jeanine Thal, Germany
Anicée Van Engeland, France
Mikhail Velizhev, Russia
Lars Vinx, Germany
Marcin Walecki, Poland
Joanna Wolszczak-Derlacz, Poland
Wojciech Zaluski, Poland
Hosny Zoabi, Israel

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS AND DURATION

The basic net stipend is € 2000 per month (+ professional travel budget and family allowance). The Fellowships are awarded for 12 or 24 months.

THE LIBRARY

Research at the Institute is supported by a top class library and a team of experienced librarians and information specialists. The EUI Library is a 'hybrid' library, comprising both an extensive collection of traditional resources: books, documents and journals on paper or in microform, and a rapidly growing digital component. In the collections users find more than 3,000 current journals, over 70,000 working papers and approximately half a million books in Law, Economics, History and Civilisation, and Political and Social Sciences, with European issues being particularly well represented. Most of the Library's holdings are on open access (<http://www.eui.eu/LIB/>).

THE COMPUTING SERVICE

Modern IT facilities linked through high speed local networks provide the necessary support. The Computing Service strives

to accommodate the particular software and technological needs of researchers across the disciplines.

LANGUAGE COURSES

The Institute offers intensive language courses in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish for the entire month of September which then continue throughout the year in a less intensive way. These courses are free for doctoral researchers and postdoctoral fellows; partners are required to pay a small fee.

HOUSING INFORMATION SERVICE

The housing service provides information on accommodation possibilities on the private and commercial market in and around Florence (<http://www.eui.eu/Housing/>).

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