

Public Notice

Post-Doctoral Researcher

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for 1 post-Doctoral researcher in the project «IPHinLaw – Intimate partner homicide: challenges to the law» (project no. 30862), financed by FEDER – European Fund for Regional Development funds through the COMPETE 2020 - Operacional Programme for Competitiveness and Internationalisation (POCI), and by Portuguese funds through FCT – Foundation for Science and Technology, coordinated by PhD Madalena Duarte.

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a. Project Description

Project title: IPHinLaw – Intimate partner homicide: challenges to the law

Homicides that occur in intimate relationships, commonly referred to as 'spousal homicide', have risen in recent years in Portugal. These have included more social support measures to victims, an increasing number of awareness programmes and, above all, a strong reliance on criminal law amendments, which have increased penalties and offered more protection measures to victims after they file a complaint.

Despite reinforced efforts in the fight against domestic violence carried out through the National Plans to Combat Domestic Violence, the most extreme form of violence continues to occur: homicides. In the light of such a scenario, this project will examine the legal response - juridical and judicial - to cases of domestic violence that have ended in homicide and homicide attempts, the most extreme scenario of violence that occurs in intimate relationships.

Three lines of inquiry will be pursued in order to achieve this purpose: Socio-Legal, Criminological and Gender. The expected result is that by broadening the arenas in which we have traditionally studied violence in intimate relationships, we will be able to broaden our understanding of the nature and dynamics of the various forms of violence and the obstacles that arise during the legal process. The ultimate goal is that the knowledge produced can be used productively by those who work in the legal area to end violence, protect victims and reduce the number of new victims.

Expected duration of the project execution: 36 months, from June 1st 2018.

b. Scientific field: Social Sciences

c. Work plan, tasks:

The selected researcher is expected to be available for frequent traveling in Portugal and occasionally outside of the country. The selected researcher should engage in the implementation of the project as defined in its work plan, contributing to the achievement of the scientific, dissemination and impact objectives, and to the effective management of the project. The researcher will undertake tasks independently, but also contribute to teamwork with CES researchers.

The work planned for the researcher to be hired in the different Tasks will seek to respond to the outlined methodological approach.

The methodological strategy implies a multidimensional approach (qualitative and quantitative). The researcher to be hired must be able to: critically analyze the state of the art in this matter; analyze legislative developments in the area of homicides and domestic violence; conduct and analyze interviews (individual and group) to different social actors; analyze statistics on justice and jurisprudence.

The researcher to be hired must have knowledge of the different described methodologies.

d. Preferred selection criteria and their weighting:

Applicants must demonstrate expertise on the topic of the project, by fulfilling the following criteria:

1. Doctorate Diploma in Social Sciences, in a topic relevant to the project, such as gender based violence, domestic violence, homicides and violence (25%);
2. Documented experience and training in qualitative and quantitative methodologies applied in the social sciences and documental and statistical analysis (25%);
3. Relevant research experience for the project topic, and motivation to pursue research in them (20%);
4. Relevant scientific publications in the field of the project (15%);
5. Proficient proficiency in Portuguese and English (15%).

e. Applicants

The tender accepts applications from national, foreign and stateless people who have a doctoral degree in Social Sciences or Humanities, Environmental Sciences or other relevant field. Candidates must also have a professional and scientific curriculum indicative of a profile that fits the activity plan for the available position. If the doctorate was awarded by a foreign higher education institution, it has to follow Law no. 341/2007 of the 12th October, and any formalities provided therein must be fulfilled until the date of signing the contract.

f. Applicable legislation and regulations:

The doctorate will be hired under Law no. 57/2016, 29th August, altered by Law 57/2017 which approves a doctoral hiring regime with a view to boosting scientific and technological employment in all areas of knowledge (RJEC). The hiring will also be governed by the Labour Code approved by Law no. 7/2009 of the 12th February, as currently worded.

g. Work place

The work place is the Centre for Social Studies' facilities in Coimbra, and/or other locations as required by the work plan, under the scientific supervision of the Principal Investigator.

h. Duration of the contract

The employment contract will be a temporary position (*termo incerto*) abiding by article 6, no. 1 b) Law no. 57/2016, 29th August, starting in December 2018.

i. Monthly salary:

The monthly salary is set in accordance with the provisions of line a) number 1, of article 15, Law nº 57/2017, corresponding to level 33 of the single salary scale approved by Decree no. 1553-C/2008 of the 31st December, at 2,128.34 Euros gross.

j. Selection process:

The applicants' selection will be carried out taking into account their scientific and curricular path. The assessment process includes, in case of applicants with an equal or very similar assessment, an interview with the applicants selected by the jury, in order to value the results of their research in its innovative content and relevance to the objectives and priority scientific areas at CES.

The jury reserves the right to not select applicants for the vacancy, if the applicants do not have the adequate quality and profile in terms of absolute merit. If carried out, the interview will weigh 10% over the whole assessment. The scale applied to each criterion is 0 to 20.

k. Selecting jury

- Madalena Duarte (President, IPHinLaw Project's PI)
- João Paulo Dias
- Ana Cristina Santos

l. Communication of Results:

The final results of the evaluation will be communicated to all applicants by e-mail. The minutes of the selection process will be made available for public consultation in the facilities of the Centre for Social Studies.

m. Period for presenting the applications:

Between September 24th 2018 and November 6th 2018.

n. Application process:

Applications must include:

- a) Presentation/Motivation letter sent by the applicant in English
- b) Full Curriculum Vitae;

- c) Copy of the qualification certificates and other relevant documents for eligibility purposes (it is mandatory to be holder of a PhD degree by the ending of the tender)
- d) Two publications (max.), preferably in English.

The applications must explicitly indicate the application reference and the vacancy they relate to, and they must be delivered in person at the Centre for Social Studies address during the application period, or sent by post with the stamp of the expedition date, until the last day of the application, to the following address:

Centro de Estudos Sociais
Reference: CES/36/2018 - PD
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3000-995 Coimbra, Portugal

o. Non-discrimination and equal access policy :

The Centre for Social Studies actively promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, so that no applicant can be privileged, benefited, harmed or deprived of any right or exemption from any duty due to ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, economic situation, education, origin or social condition, genetic heritage, reduced working capacity, disability, chronic disease, nationality, ethnic origin or race, territory origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and trade union membership.

p. The Centre for Social Studies approved all the terms included in this notice at the Board Meeting on April 11th 2018.

q. In accordance with Law no. 29/2001 of 3rd of February, applicants with disabilities have preference in case of equal classification, which prevails over any other legal preference. In the presentation letter, applicants must declare, on oath, their degree of disability, the type of disability and the means of communication/expression to be used in the process of selection, in accordance with the above mentioned law.

r. Final remarks

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