

## Call for applications – 1 (one) vacancy (part-time)

### JUNIOR RESEARCHER

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) of the University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for one position (part-time) of Junior Researcher (CES/18/2023-RA-TRACE-SLOVENIA) in the project TRACE – Tracing Queer Citizenship over Time: Ageing, ageism and age-related LGBTI+ politics in Europe, funded by the European Research Council of the European Union (Grant Agreement 101044915), and coordinated by Ana Cristina Santos.

CES provides a stimulating intellectual environment in the domain of social sciences and humanities. The project is part of the research line Democracy, Justice and Human Rights, and, more specifically, CES consolidated scientific work in the field of LGBTQI+ Studies.

#### a. Project Description:

TRACE – Tracing Queer Citizenship over Time: Ageing, ageism and age-related LGBTI+ politics in Europe.

In recent years, ageing has been considered a priority area in both governmental policies and research agendas. Sitting at the intersection between Gender and LGBTI Studies, on the one hand, and Age, Ageing and Life Course Studies on the other, and bringing together distant memories and the current daily management of intimate life, TRACE sociologically explores the impacts in later life of growing up in a time when legal recognition was not available for LGBTI+ people. TRACE will pay particular attention to issues related to health and well-being, care and intimacy.

Taking queer citizenship as a set of criteria through which democracies can be evaluated, TRACE also explores the extent to which the EU has influenced local political and socio-legal advancements in LGBTI+ rights, narratives and experiences over time. To respond to this aim, TRACE develops an innovative age-sensitive, analytical lens focused on ageing, ageism and age-related LGBTI+ politics through which progress and backlash in countries that experienced substantial changes in their intimate citizenship regimes will be investigated.

Expected duration of project execution: 60 months, started January 1, 2023

#### b. Scientific field:

Social and Human Sciences, preference Sociology or Gender, Feminist or LGBTI+ Studies.

## c. Work Plan Description and applicants' required profile:

### c1. Applicants' expected profile

1. Earlier career researcher or doctoral student in Social and Human Sciences, preference for Sociology or Gender, Feminist or LGBTI+ Studies;

### c2. Work plan, tasks:

The selected researcher is expected to contribute to the implementation of the project's scientific tasks, as well as to support any activities associated with the project's general goals. More specifically, s/he/they will be asked to perform fieldwork in Slovenia, namely support data collection and contextualization, in liaison with the PI and the local consultant, Mojca Urek (University of Ljubljana). This involves participants' recruitment and interviewing (around 10 interviews). Other tasks include gather, organize and analyse qualitative data (e.g. interviews, including its transcription, archival data, policy and legal documents, etc.), carry out a critical review of literature, contribute to the project's dissemination and communication activities and networking and produce reports and outputs (e.g. scientific and outreach publications, participation in and organization of scientific events), among other tasks needed for the implementation of the project's goals.

The selected researcher should have availability for traveling around Slovenia to conduct fieldwork for 12 months. S/he/they may be requested to attend some project meetings and events at the Centre for Social Studies facilities in Coimbra, Portugal or other locations.

### d. Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

Portuguese civil code. The selected applicant will sign a services agreement with CES to implement the TRACE activities in Slovenia, on a part-time dedication regime, and under the supervision of the Principal Investigator.

### e. Workplace and weekly working hours:

The tasks will be performed in Slovenia, for the duration of 12 months. The Junior Researcher is expected to work from home and to travel to carry out interviews in Slovenia. The project will cover the travel costs for the fieldwork.

As regular practice, the attendance of the selected researcher at project meetings will be virtual. If his/her/their presence is necessary, the project will cover the travel and accommodation costs for participate in project meetings and events at the Centre for Social Studies facilities in Coimbra, Portugal or in other locations.

The Junior Researcher will have a workload of 21 hours a week, 3 days per week.

**f. Duration of the services agreement contract:**

The contract will last 12 months, expected to start in January 2024.

**g. Application dates:**

Opens on: 23 October 2023

Closes on: 23 November 2023

**h. Application process:**

Applications must include the following documents:

- 1) a letter of intent/motivation in English. The letter must include:
  - a) interest in developing fieldwork activities in Slovenia, namely conducting interviews, under the supervision of TRACE' Principal Investigator, availability for international traveling and to conduct field trips in Slovenia, as well as the contest reference (CES/18/2023-RA-TRACE-SLOVENIA), e-mail and phone number;
- 2) detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- 3) copies of documents proving that the candidate meets the Eligibility Criteria, as per point k. of this notice, namely, copies of the master's degree certificate/s with the final score;
- 4) other relevant documents to the application or eligibility purposes.

Applications should be sent by e-mail to [concursos@ces.uc.pt](mailto:concursos@ces.uc.pt) until the application deadline date (a confirmation e-mail should follow in the next few days). The "Subject" field of the e-mail must contain the reference of the competition and the name of the candidate (i.e. CES/18/2023-RA-TRACE-SLOVENIA-NAME OF THE APPLICANT).

## 3.2 Skills/Qualifications

**i. Selection criteria and their weighing:**

1. Adequate CV regarding the work to be developed within the project (20%);
2. Relevant scientific publications and/or research experience in LGBTI+ topics (20%);
3. Documented experience in qualitative research methodologies (30%);
4. Previous engagement with Ageing-related topics (20%)
5. Interest in dissemination and communication of scientific outputs for different audiences (10%).

The jury reserves the right not to select any candidate.

## **j. Honorarium and conditions of payment**

The monthly compensation for this service agreement is 1050,00 Euros (gross amount). The hired junior researcher should emit a monthly receipt which will be paid by bank transfer. Depending on the country where the invoice/receipt is issued, legal taxes as the VAT may be applicable and will be calculated based on the gross amount.

## **Eligibility criteria**

### **k. Mandatory requirements**

1. Hold a master's degree in the fields of Social Sciences and/ or humanities, with a preference for Sociology or Gender, Feminist or LGBTI+ Studies (see associated conditions in b);
2. Demonstrated proficiency in Slovene: must be the candidate's native language or the candidate must have lived more than 5 years in Slovenia.
3. Proficiency in English: levels B2, C1 or C2 in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – CEFR, native language or the candidate must have lived more than 5 years in a country where the official language is English;

### **l. Selection process**

Applicants will be selected based on their application and curricular evaluation. In case of equivalent curricular evaluations, the best-positioned applicants should be short-listed for an interview in English, meant to assess the applicant's potential in integrating the project's scientific dynamic, his/her/their motivation in performing fieldwork activities in Slovenia and communication and verbal expression in English and Slovenian. Each of the two methods of selection applied will have a rating of 50% in the final classification.

The jury reserves the right not to award the position if none of the candidates fits the required profile.

### **m. Selection panel:**

- Ana Cristina Santos (President)
- Mojca Urek (permanent member)
- Madalena Duarte (permanent member)



- Miguel Cardina (substitute member)
- Pablo Perez Navarro (substitute member)

## **n. Communication of Results:**

All candidates will receive the results by e-mail. The meeting minutes of the selection panel will become available publicly. After the communication of results, applicants have 10 working days to present a redress to the evaluation and the result by e-mail.

## **o. Additional comments**

### *Equality of opportunities:*

CES abides by the national law that regulates the prevention, prohibition and fighting against discrimination (Law nº 93/2017, 23 August).

### *Data protection:*

By submitting your application, you are agreeing with the use of your personal data by CES administrative services for the sole purpose of the current call, namely to be contacted directly by CES services and allow the communication of results as in point n. of this call. CES abides by the principles of GDPR.

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## **Website for additional job details**

<https://www.ces.uc.pt/pt/agenda-noticias/emprego-bolsas-estagios>