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Call for Applications: MSCA COFUND Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme “Migration, Diaspora, Citizenship” (Horizon Europe) at the University of Münster, Germany

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Our globalized world is shaped by international mass migration. In the twenty-first century, migration itself is a key driver of social, cultural, and political change including the proliferation of diaspora communities and new modes of citizenship. By focusing on these interconnected phenomena, the COFUND Postdoctoral Programme “Migration, Diaspora, Citizenship” opens research opportunities for postdoctoral scholars with a wide range of academic interests and backgrounds, who will become part of an innovative international, interdisciplinary, and intersectoral ‘network of networks’ based at the University of Münster, Germany.

While the increasing diversification of migration, diaspora, and citizenship research brings great opportunities, it also entails the risk of topical, theoretical, and methodological fragmentation. The MDC project aims to tackle these challenges by enabling interdisciplinary research between (non-)academic partners, with scholars from all over the world and across different career stages. The university’s social science and humanities departments work together, thereby connecting a wide range of subjects and fostering the collaboration between them. Furthermore, the project has seventeen worldwide associated partners, all of which provide ample possibilities for international and intersectoral networking and cooperation.

The programme offers two types of fellowship:

- (1) **Postdoctoral Fellowships** (24 months) are aimed at early-career postdocs with less than 6 years of research experience after the receipt of their PhD degree.
- (2) **Senior Fellowships** (6 months) are for postdocs with more than 6 years of research experience after the receipt of their PhD degree.

Fellows in the project, will

- get the chance to pursue their own research project and further their career development;
- work in a close-knit and well-structured research environment;
- participate in an individualized MDC Training Programme, which includes research colloquia, lectures and workshops, and transferable skills courses in citizen science, sustainable research management, ‘idea mining’ among others;

- have the opportunity to go on secondments to a global network of partnerships with a wide range of academic and non-academic profiles.

All fellows will be offered a full employment contract during the tenure, according to the employment conditions of public service in North-Rhine Westphalia. The application deadline for the first call is **19 July 2024**. Applications must be submitted in English.

General Requirements

- A fully completed PhD in one of the COFUND's research areas (i.e., in the social sciences or the humanities) is required.
- Compliance with the MSCA Mobility Rule: applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Germany for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately prior to the programme's call deadline.

Additional Criteria for Postdoctoral Fellows

- Publications: 1 monograph or 3 major articles, especially in migration, diaspora, and citizenship studies;
- Project experience: involvement in projects (especially ongoing projects in migration, diaspora, and citizenship studies) is expected, even if not in a leading position (PI or similar);
- Networks: connection to an international network is expected
- Further pertinent merits (prizes, honours, distinctions, intersectoral expertise): bonus, but not required

Additional Criteria for Senior Fellows

- Publications: a) 1 monograph or 3 major articles, as well as b) 3 further publications, especially in migration, diaspora, and citizenship studies;
- Project experience: extensive project experience, especially in migration, diaspora, and citizenship studies is expected (PI or similar); ongoing projects should be pertinent to the MDC programme;
- Networks: active, multiple memberships in international networks is vital
- Further pertinent merits (prizes, honours, distinctions, intersectoral expertise): one further distinction and/or intersectoral experience is expected

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