

ESI POST-DOCTORAL PROGRAM 2021/2022

Social Sciences and Humanities in a Post-Crisis Period

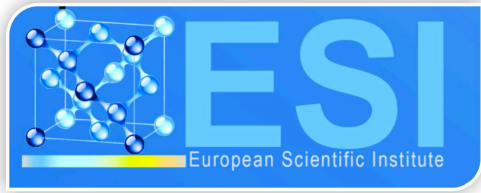
- *Challenges affecting virtual teaching and learning process*
- *Regional and global economic development in post-pandemic period*
- *Art and society in times of pandemic*
- *Artificial intelligence and law and politics*

Aims and Scope

- The postdoctoral program on “***Social Sciences and Humanities in a Post-Crisis Period***” is organized by the European Scientific Institute, ESI, in cooperation with universities and research centers all around the globe. It hosts PhD holders who are interested in upgrading their academic careers by working on a specific research topic in a multidisciplinary environment and in the area of social sciences and humanities (Pedagogy, economics, education, law, sociology, philosophy, psychology, history, geography, political science, Tourism, Music, Antropology and related fields and their subdomains).

ESI postdoctoral program will enhance the mobility of academic staff and strengthen the academic cooperation through working in research groups, research stay, guest lectures, joint publications of research articles and conference proceedings. It will contribute to knowledge sharing and sharing of best practices among candidates, their research advisers as well as the ESI network of experts. Languages of the program are English and Spanish.

In times full of challenges with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the world, more than ever, needs further scientific discoveries. Every selected fellow will deal with a specific societal challenge through attending lectures while leaving time for guided research. The



interdisciplinary cooperation of the program is provided through academic activities with researchers from different universities and academic backgrounds.

The academic output of every candidate will be published under the principles of open access and open science. The program supports the concept that scientific publications are free for usage.

- **Language of the ESI Program**

English and Spanish.

- **Host Institution/Research Visit**

The program consists of academic activities, which are mainly online. However, the candidate will have to choose a Host University from the list of institutions who are participating in the program. The candidate will make the research stay at the Host institution.

The candidate will be attached to one of the Host University Departments. Depending on the accepted topic and the availability of the academic staff, the Host University will suggest one or more research adviser who will work closely with the candidate in the course of the program.

The candidate will complete a research visit at the Host University within a period of, at least, 2 weeks. The research advisor from the Host University, as well as the program directors at the Host Universities, will offer the necessary assistance for the visit. The research visit will also be organized in line with the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

Upon mutual agreement, the candidate may be offered to deliver lectures for the students at the Host institution. However, the Host institution is not obliged to make any payments to the candidate for his/her academic activities.



- **ESI Programme 2020/2021 Host Institutions (to be Determined)**

University of La Laguna, Tenerife, Spain

University of Almeria, Spain

Daugavpils University, Latvia

University D'Annunzio of Chieti–Pescara, Italy

University of Catania, Italy

- **ESI Program Directors**

Dr. Jovan Shopovski / Dr. Dejan Marolov

European Scientific Institute, ESI

- **ESI Program Directors at host institution:**

- Dr. Alejandro López Martínez, University of Almeria, Spain

- Dr. M. Rut Jimenes-Liso, University of Almeria, Spain

- Dr. David Perez Jorge, University of La Laguna, Tenerife, Spain

- Dr. María del Carmen Rodríguez Jiménez, University of La Laguna, Tenerife, Spain

- Dr. Franca Daniele, MD, University D'Annunzio of Chieti–Pescara, Italy

- Dr. Vera Boronenko, Daugavpils University, Latvia

- Dr. Paola Clara Leotta, University of Catania, Italy

- **ESI Host University Directors**

- In permanent communication with the ESI office

- Presenting the ESI program to the highest university authorities

- Checking the availability of research advisors for every application

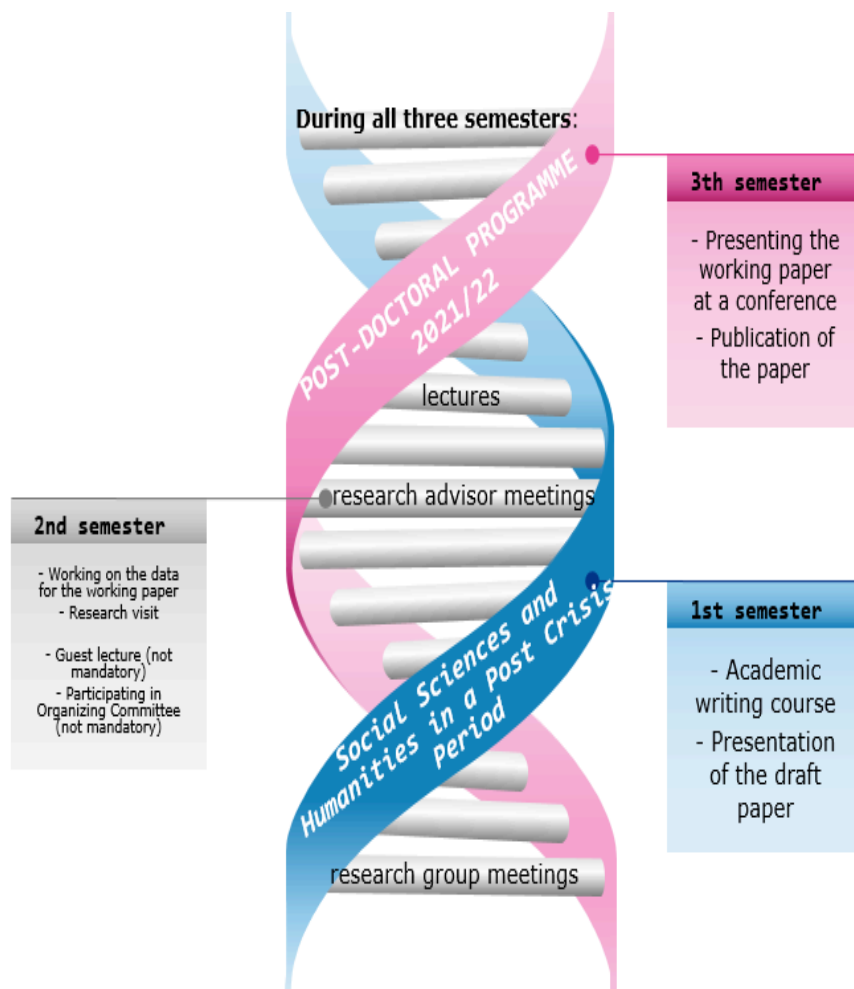
- Facilitating the communication between the research advisor and the candidate

- Assistance of the candidate during the research visit

- Logistics during other program activities



- **Program Structure**



The program is consisted of three (3) semesters and will be held mainly online.

During the 1st semester, the candidate will have meetings with the research group selected by the organizer. Meetings with the research adviser will also be held online and in every semester. During this semester, short course on good research practices and academic writing will be organized, where researchers will share their knowledge and discuss the recent developments in the area of academic publishing. The candidate will attend free online



lectures, workshops, and discussions delivered by the program network of experts and will present the concept of the working paper.

- Forming the research group and 2 meetings
- Meeting with the research advisor (at least 2)
- Attending program lectures
- Attending the academic writing course
- Presenting the draft paper (at a conference or to the research advisor)

During the 2nd semester, the candidate will work on the data mining through survey or/and interviews in order to provide dataset for the research. The candidate may also become part of the organizing committees of academic events as part of the ESI program in order to upgrade his/her skills for career advancement. During this semester, the candidate visits the Host University and work on joint research article or book together with the research adviser(s) and the members of the research group. If more candidates are working on the same or similar topic at the same Host University, they can organize meetings and workshops as well as joint research analysis and activities.

- Working on the data for the working paper
- Attending program lectures
- Meeting with the research group
- Research visit and meetings with the advisor
- Guest lecture (not mandatory)
- Participating in the Organizing Committee of one of the ESI events (not mandatory)

In the 3rd semester, the candidate is involved in preparing the research proposal and writing the working paper. If chosen and approved by the organizer, the candidate can complete the research visit during the 3rd semester of the program. The process is followed by discussion in the research group, the program group of experts, and guidance by the research advisers. The candidate presents the research methods and results at online or in person conferences.



- Meeting with the research advisor (2 at least)
- Meeting with the research group
- Attending program lectures
- Presenting the working paper at a conference
- Publication of the paper

Program Certificates

- Certificate for successful completion of the ESI postdoctoral programme on “*Social Sciences and Humanities in a Post-Crisis Period*” will be awarded to the candidate after the 3rd semester.
- Additional document, which describes the concrete academic activities of the candidate, will be issued by the organizer.
- The Host University may also issue a confirmation for the research stay, guest lecturing, and/or the other academic activities of the candidate during the research visit.

- **ESI Masterclass**

In the past 10 years, the European Scientific Institute, ESI, have created a wide network of experts from different universities worldwide covering various academic domains. For the purpose of the program, every month, ESI will invite an experienced Professor who will deliver an online or in person masterclass on a cutting edge topic. The program aims to invite scholars who address topical issues from a multi or inter-disciplinary perspective. The aim of these lectures is to promote intellectual curiosity on the various ways we can study human societies. Hence, speakers are not expected to directly talk about the topics of any particular candidate, but they should be a source of inspiration and widen one’s intellectual horizons.



- **ESI Program Annual Conference**

Each year, the program hosts one major conference organized at one of the Host Universities or Online. One aspect of the conference will be focused on research funding and in writing grant proposals. However, the other focus of this conference will be virtual or in person meeting with the other ESI Program fellows, presentation of the research activities to each other, and discussion of potential cooperation.

- **ESI Program Research Groups**

ESI research groups are organized on a multidisciplinary basis to bring together Fellows from different disciplines working on a similar range of issues. The groups will meet regularly during the duration of the program. The regular meetings of the groups will consist of presentations of the work in progress and the discussion of more general research issues, such as the reading of key or recent works related to the group's theme.

- **Research Proposals and Working Papers**

A highly recommended part of the program for every candidate is writing a research proposal. It usually consists of 2-5 pages in a form of grant proposal. It aims to provide experience to the candidate in writing grant proposals, which will be useful for enhancement of his/her academic careers.

Compulsory part of the program for every candidate is creating a Working paper. The working paper should be in a format of a scientific article or a book chapter. It should be prepared and ready for submission. This working paper will be posted at one of the Host University repositories or in a preprint repository. However, when a candidate is not motivated to make the content public, he/she should contact the organizer of the program explaining the reasons for the exception.



- **ESI Program Organizer**

The European Scientific Institute, ESI, is in charge of the full logistics and communication with the applicants and candidates during the program.

The ESI will provide an adequate group of experts in various fields who will not only deliver their lectures for the program's purposes but will be also available for advises and opinions.

The organizer shall provide free participation of the candidates from the suggested list of international academic conferences and workshops.

The organizer shall suggest academic journals for free and open access publication of the academic output of each candidate.

Upon agreement with the Host Universities, the organizer will provide access to libraries and data bases.

Together with the program director at the Host University, the organizer will provide the necessary information and assist the candidate with documents for visa application who needs to obtain visa for their research visit.

- **Research Advisers**

The research adviser is a Professor at one of the Host University Departments or a member of the ESI Program group of experts. The research adviser monitors the academic activities of the candidate by providing suggestions regarding the research methods and preparation of the working paper. He or she may also participates in the research activities and be enlisted as a co-author of the academic output of the candidate.

The research adviser is selected by the Host University and the Organizer of the program, taking into consideration the research topic and the availability of the researchers in a given moment.

The Organizer may also suggest to the candidate to cooperate with other research advisers.



Application Process and Eligibility

The organizer, in close communication with the host institutions, is in charge of receiving the applications and selection of the candidates. The program director at each Host University is in charge of communication with the Departments and researchers at the host institution and their availability.

The ESI postdoctoral program accepts applications from PhD holders regardless of their nationality or experience at academia or outside.

Potential candidates should provide:

- Application Form including a research proposal (up to 2 pages).
- Copy of PhD diploma or certificate, which confirms thesis defense.
- Short CV
- List of publications

Language Certificates

Applicants who are not native language speakers should provide a language certificate. For English language, international certificates are acceptable: Cambridge, TOEFL, IELTS. However, if the candidate fails to provide a certificate, the language assessment will be part of the online interview after the application.

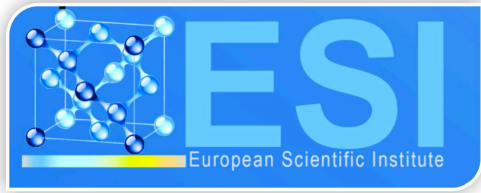
Tuition Fee/Scholarship

We encourage candidates to apply for funding from their universities or other international funds. However, the long-term objective of this training program is to obtain funding for covering the operating costs thus providing full scholarship for each accepted candidate. For the time being the following options are offered.

Full Scholarship: Every year ESI grants several full scholarships. The candidates are released from paying fee and ESI covers their accommodation and travel costs as well.

Partial Scholarship: The participation fee is 1,650 EUR per candidate in total.

Regular Fee: 3,650 EUR per candidate.



The fee is paid at the beginning of every semester or the full amount at the beginning of the programme.

The fee covers the academic activities such as logistics, guided research, lectures, conference participation of the candidates, and publication of articles derived from the research project in suggested scientific journals.

The fee does not cover the travel and accommodation costs of the candidate nor the living expenses during the research stay.

ESI may offer additional discounts to some of the candidates such as editorial board members, reviewers or conference participants.

ESI Partner Universities

ESI cooperates with Universities and institutes on 5 continents. In the past decade, we have developed a wide academic network, embracing academics from all around the globe.

Apart from the possibility of joining as a Host University, applicants coming from partner Universities receive priority during the selection process. Given the fact that the number of places is limited ESI can offer the following package for your University for the ESI Postdoc Program 2021/22.

ESI - Georgian National University, SEU (Package)

Full Scholarship - (1 place).

Partial Scholarship (3 places).

Full Scholarship: the candidates are released from paying fees. However, ESI also covers their accommodation and travel costs during their research visit at one of the Host Universities.

Partial Scholarship: The participation fee is 1,650 EUR per candidate in total. The accommodation and travel expenses during the research visit are not covered by the organizer.

Regular Fee: 3,650 EUR per candidate. The accommodation and travel expenses during the research visit are not covered by the organizer.



*The above-mentioned package is applicable only if all of the places offered are fulfilled. The candidates must follow the application procedure and the requirements.

Participation in the program will enhance the University's ranking on the internationally recognized ranking list. The cooperation with experienced research advisors from other Universities opens the possibility for joint publication in reputable journals. Moreover, each candidate participates in a Working Group with several other researchers from other Universities worldwide. Each WG will probably develop a research article or a book chapter on a cutting-edge topic which will also strengthen the academic reputation of the candidate's affiliated University.

The research visit of the candidates brings mobility of academic staff and opens the possibility for partnership with foreign Universities.

Finally, becoming a host institution, the Host University receives foreign researchers which may deliver lectures and workshops for the students.