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ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT DOCTORATE EDPIII

*'EUROPE IN ITS GLOBAL CONTEXT –
RE-INVENTING EUROPE IN THE WORLD'*



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI SCIENZE UMANE (SUM)
CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY (CEU)

The European Doctoral Programme ([EDP](#)) is an advanced international study programme for doctoral research and training in the Human and Social Sciences launched by the [Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin](#), the [Istituto Italiano di Scienze Umane](#), the [Central European University](#), the [Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales](#) and the [Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes](#) in 2010 which aims at the establishment of a European doctoral school and a European doctoral degree. The [third curriculum of the EDP in the Social Sciences](#) explores the question of how the political, economic and cultural construction of "Europe" has been shaped by its global context and how this global context has been shaped by Europe.

Responsible for the running of the 3rd curriculum are the partner institutions in [Berlin](#) (co-ordinating), [Budapest](#) and [Florence](#). The curriculum for the Joint PhD in these three sites foresees the fellows to work in at least three different countries by following courses on theory, methodology and research design while annual joint seminars and mobility periods between the sites will give fellows the opportunity to exchange and debate. The joint workshops will take place in turn in the three different sites and will focus on the three strands of the curriculum, sociology, political science and political economy. Further courses taught by experienced and expert staff in all sites will offer fellows an unequalled opportunity to develop a reflexive view on Europe.

Thematically, the EDP will focus the social, economic, political and cultural dimension of the making of Europe in its global context. The EDP can draw on the particular strength of each partner to train doctoral fellows on this issue: while Florence will focus on issue of social movements, political participation and democratization, Budapest will offer teaching on the political economy of transition processes and Berlin provide special competence on the link between cultural identities and social relations in the making of civil society and the implementation of democratic designs. This unique trademark of the consortium will provide its fellows with a set of conceptual tools and methods that enable them to analyse Europe in its political, social and cultural context.

Starting in the academic year 2013/14, EDPIII will receive funding from the [Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate Scheme](#). The joint programme will be run by the partner sites in Berlin, Budapest and Florence, but the circle of involved partners will be enlarged by the association of the [Middle-Eastern Technical University in Ankara \(Turkey\)](#), the [University of Haifa \(Israel\)](#) and the [Université de Tunis-El Manar \(Tunisia\)](#).

The Programme profile

For the doctoral course entitled 'Europe in its Global Context – Re-Inventing Europe in the World', the EDPIII partners offer a structured European Doctoral Programme in the social sciences, based on their regular teaching activities, research seminars, and research activities. Members of the European Doctoral Programme will receive their doctoral training through seminars on methods and theory as well as supporting courses held by sociologists and political scientists. They will start the first year in the university which best fits their research topic (this will be decided at the end of the selection procedures) with courses on theory and methods which should help to provide a high-level dissertation prospectus at the end of the first year. In the second and third year they are expected to spend as a minimum half a year at one partner institution different from the one in which they started and at least three months at still another partner institution. In these years they will take part in tailor-made workshops for data analysis and conceptual development for their work. Excellent supervision and advice is guaranteed by the [faculty](#) of all partner institutions.

Topics within the programme profile

We invite applications to the following themes addressing Europe in its global context:

- Europeanization and social movements
- democratic institution-building and civil society in post-conflict societies
- the vulnerability of democracy in and beyond Europe
- cultural diversity and the politics of collective identities
- the political economy of transition processes in and beyond Europe
- markets, social inequality and legitimacy

Teaching programme – curriculum

Reflecting the diverse background and academic foci of the partner institutions, different approaches and perspectives will be used for the study of Europeanization as the product of a social, cultural and political relations reaching out beyond the boundaries of Europe. Particular importance is given to transnational networks emerging from the interaction of Europe with its postcolonial South in Northern Africa and its post-socialist East in Eastern Europe, including the interaction with Israel and Turkey which provide special contexts for Europe in the making. Topics such as the transnationalization and Europeanization of civil society, of collective identities and of political institution building within and beyond the boundaries of Europe will be looked for.

Excellence in such social science research will be achieved through methodologically sound empirical research based on appropriate theoretical frameworks. In addition, the aim of the European Doctoral Programme is to enable the doctoral students to broaden their intellectual horizons by moving from one academic institution to another and by drawing on the intellectual resources of all the partner institutions in Europe and outside Europe.

The [doctoral curriculum](#) comprises high-level courses on theory and methods, a broad choice of electives on topics relevant to the doctoral dissertation, and supporting courses including research design and doctoral workshops. At least once a year, EDPIII doctoral researchers will come together in joint workshops organized in turn by the full and the associate partners. Students will be required to attend research seminars or courses and pass research-related milestones in at least two places during the three-year period. Attendance is compulsory. Students are encouraged to take part in existing interdisciplinary workshops and to organize sessions devoted to the discussion of their research. The third year will be mainly devoted to writing the doctoral thesis. Milestones at the end of each year ensure a continuous progress and mutual feedback.

The Council of Scholars, consisting of three members of each of the partner institutions, will propose a committee with at least one member of each of the partner institutions that convenes at the end of the first and second year to decide whether the doctoral

students can go on to the second and third year, respectively. The Council will make the decision on the basis of a written report prepared by the student:

- a state-of-the-art dissertation prospectus and a detailed account of the overall research project at the end of first year;
- an annotated table of contents and two chapters of the thesis at the end of second year;
- and in both cases a letter by the supervisor commenting on the progress of the doctoral student.

Involvement in the Erasmus Mundus Fellowship scheme and payment of the scholarships is dependent on the regular submission of the students' reports on the progress of their research. All the activities of the programme follow the principles of the European Charter of Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers.

Supervision

Choice of supervisors: The students will be assigned a provisional supervisor at the beginning of the first semester. Over the course of the first year, the doctoral student has to finalize the choice of her/his supervisor and second advisor (and optionally a third advisor) chosen from the members of the Faculty Council or faculty members of the partner institutions. The second advisor should come from an institution different from the one the supervisor belongs to. The Council of Scholars has to approve and then appoint the supervisors/co-supervisors proposed.

Assessment of supervision: According to a trilateral supervision or doctoral candidate agreement, on a periodical basis the Council of Scholars will evaluate the degree of interaction between the student and the supervisor, and the effectiveness of the supervision regarding the progress of the student's studies and doctoral dissertation.

Doctoral thesis

At the end of the third year, students are expected to submit a doctoral thesis that makes an original and innovative contribution to his or her field of research. Students are expected to demonstrate a wide and in-depth knowledge of their topic, both in relation to existing literature on the theme and in the form of empirical research, based on a rigorous and convincing methodology.

The thesis will be defended at one of the partner institutions, and must be written in one of the official languages of the programme, which is chosen by the doctoral student in accordance with the laws in force in the respective partner institutions.

Degree

Upon completion of the period of study, a PhD will be awarded to students who have successfully accomplished all the requirements. The doctoral degree will be signed in accordance with the regulations laid down in the joint doctoral supervision agreements. This degree will be awarded as a double degree and – where possible – as a joint degree.

Number of places and funding schemes

The EDPIII programme offers up to 12 places per cohort as from 2013. The exact number of places available will be published every year around the end of November. Doctoral researchers will either become Erasmus Mundus Fellows or EDPIII full members, depending on the distribution of successful candidates between the two groups. Each year, around 8-10 EM fellowships and three university scholarships for European Doctoral Programme fellows will be available, distributed equally between the three full partner sites.

Categories of Fellowships

Category A Fellowships

These Fellowships are awarded to doctoral candidates who come from a country other than an EU member state or associated countries and who are neither residents nor have carried out their main activity (studies, work, etc.) for more than a total of 12 months over the last five years in these countries. The only exception to this rule applies to doctoral candidates who have previously received an Erasmus Mundus Masters scholarship in order to follow an EMMC. (Note: 'EU member state or associated countries', for the purposes of this Category, includes all EU-27 member states, Croatia and the EEA-EFTA states Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland)

Category B Fellowships

These Fellowships are awarded to doctoral candidates who do not fulfil the Category A criteria listed above. In sum, all residents from EU member states and associated countries qualify as Category B Fellows.

All Erasmus Mundus Fellowship holders on the EDPIII programme will benefit from Fellowship contracts covering monthly allowance, holidays, parental leave, social security and pension rights. In addition, fellows will be paid a fixed sum for installation costs at the beginning of the programme. Furthermore, the participation costs for the programme will be covered by the EDPIII consortium.

University Scholarships

Every year, three scholarships, sponsored by the three full partner universities in the frame of the European Doctoral Programme (www.europeanddoctoralprogramme.com), will be available. The scholarships will cover approximately 20.000 € per year including research-related costs plus a fixed sum for insurance and programme participation costs.

Admission and Application

Admission procedure

- Application via the online-platform at http://www2.hu-berlin.de/hgs_bewerbung/school/edp/index.php
- **Application Deadline: January 6th, 2013, 23:00 CET (GMT+1)**
- The Selection Committee will consist of representatives from the partner institutions. A preliminary selection will be made on the basis of required qualifications and the fit of the research proposal with the research program of the doctoral school.
- **January 31st:** invitations to the interviews by e-mail.
- **Around February 20th:** Oral examination and interview in Berlin. The selection committee will be composed by at least one faculty representative from each of the full partner universities, one member of the administrative staff and one doctoral representative. There is the possibility for interviews to be held via video-conference, skype or telephone.
- Candidates are admitted to the programme according to their qualifications and the number of places available.
- Applicants who have accepted the invitation for an interview and have travelled to Berlin are entitled to reimbursement of 50% of their travel costs in case of a negative decision, 100% in case of a positive decision. The successful applicants will be notified in due time.
- The successful applicants will start the first year at one of the partner institutions and will continue spending periods in the second and/or third year in at least one of the other partner institutions. They will be required to comply with the administrative conditions and legal regulations of the country to which the chosen institution belongs.

Admission requirements

- **University qualifications**

Candidates must possess a degree, European or non-European equivalent, which makes them eligible for enrolling in a research doctorate in one of the member states of the European Union. Scholars who have already been awarded a research doctorate and grant are not eligible to apply.

- **Language Skills**

Given the nature of the doctoral programme, which involves teaching and research activities in at least three different countries, the Selection Committee will take account of the language skills of the candidates. At the moment of selection, applicants are required to have apart from sufficient knowledge of English knowledge in at least one other language different from their mother language, preferably one of those spoken at the partner institutions. C1-level English language skills or equivalent (IELTS: 7; TOEFL: 90) are required. Scores must have been officially reported and accomplished within the last two years. Successful completion of a C1-level English course within the last two years will suffice, if proof (e.g. a certificate) is included. English native speakers, applicants who obtained their High School Diploma (e.g. passed their A-levels), or studied for at least one academic year at an English speaking higher-educational institution, are exempt from this requirement, if they include sufficient proof.

Application Documents:

- **Statement of Purpose (maximum 500 words)**

- **Research Proposal (max. 2.700 words)**

This research proposal written in English does not have to be a definitive version of his or her dissertation plan. Nevertheless, the exposé should be clearly structured with a precise and elaborate research question. Please include the following elements:

- Summary
- Research questions
- State of research (presenting theoretical and empirical debates on the chosen topic as well as deficiencies in the literature that the research project will address)
- Methodological approach
- Bibliography (list of the most relevant references)
- Work plan (maximum one page time schedule for the project)

- **Two letters of reference written by scholars in disciplines relating to the doctorate**

The letters of reference must be sent directly to EDPIII's central administration at BGSS by the referees by January 6th, 2013. It is suggested that one of these is from a professor who supervised the applicant's final diploma or MA thesis. References are preferably accepted as signed and scanned PDF e-mail attachments to edp@edpiii.eu or by postal service to

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- **CV**

The C.V. is to include information on the applicant's educational and professional experience, publications, language skills and extracurricular interests.

- **Transcript**

Please include educational institutions and programs relevant to your application for the Doctoral Program, beginning with the most recent. Digital copies of transcripts and certificates must be uploaded. If transcripts are not finalized, please submit an up to date supplementary transcript and send the final transcript as soon as it is available. If the transcripts are issued in a language other than English, Italian or German, please provide a translation. You will be asked to hand in certified copies of your documents, should you be invited for an interview.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The application for admission has to be submitted [via the online platform](#). The online application must be submitted together with the requested documents no later than the deadline of **January 6th, 2013, 23:00 CET (GMT+1)**. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

General Advice

The online application process can be interrupted. You do not need to complete the application form at once, but much rather have the option to log in several times. The application software is configured to save your data as you enter it. In case the field is required, a check-mark will appear once the input has been saved. Additional documents can be uploaded as either PDF or JPEG files. Please name these files starting with your surname (e.g. SURNAME_CV.PDF). Should you have several documents for one category, please merge them into one file (3 MB max.). Please note that the uploaded file will appear in your user profile only after you reloaded the page by clicking the reload button in your browser.

Submission

Before submitting your data, please view and save your application as pdf by clicking on "create pdf" at the blue column. "Show pdf summary" allows viewing the pdf afterwards. **Our office will only be able to process and consider your application after you have submitted it by clicking on the "Submit Application" button.**

Please note that candidates invited to attend the oral exam/interview will be required to sign a declaration confirming their application.

For further information please visit our website www.edpii.eu or write to edp@edpii.eu.

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