

Job Description

FATIGUE Early Stage Researcher

University of Belgrade

The University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philosophy, is seeking to appoint a high-calibre Early Stage Researcher (ESR) to join the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network on 'Delayed Transformational Fatigue in Central and Eastern Europe: Responding to the Rise of Illiberalism/Populism' (FATIGUE).

Position:	Early Stage Researcher 10: Anti-Semitism in the former Yugoslavia
Location:	University of Belgrade (home institution) and Jagiellonian University, Krakow (secondment)
Working Time:	Full Time (36.5 hours per week)
Duration:	Fixed-Term until 31 December 2021
Salary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €25,041.72 (annual gross salary pro rata – fixed for period of the appointment) per annum, plus a monthly taxable mobility allowance of €600 – all paid in RSD using an appropriate conversion rate. • If applicable, an additional taxable monthly family allowance of €500.
Terms of recruitment	The recruitment of the ESR will be conducted according to the internal rules of the host institution and national legislation.

About FATIGUE

Following the collapse of state socialism, the liberalisation of public life, democratisation of politics, abolition of state-run economies and the introduction of markets commenced in the states of the former Soviet bloc. These necessary yet socially costly transformations never ran smoothly and in the same direction in all the post-communist states but by the mid-2000s the most successful countries, clustered in Central Europe and the Baltic, seemed to have managed to consolidate liberal democracy. Then something snapped. The political trajectory veered off in new directions as populist parties started gaining more support. All populists engage in delegitimising the democratic system in the name of unconstrained majoritarianism. Now we have two cases (Hungary and Poland) where right-wing populists are in power and dismantling the institutions of checks and balances, and cases where the dominance of technocratic or left populists (Czechia, Slovakia) seems to risk democratic erosion. FATIGUE aims to explain and interpret this puzzling U-turn, reflect on its delayed emergence, diagnose its consequences and propose viable policy solutions. ESR10 will be one of 15 ESRs at six partner universities.

For further information about the Programme, visit <https://populism-europe.com>.

The Role

ESR10 will be employed by the University of Belgrade and enrolled on the PhD programme at University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philosophy, and will write their thesis on a topic related to **Anti-Semitism in the former Yugoslavia**, supervised by Prof. Nikola Samardžić and Dr Haris Dajč, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philosophy, and Prof. Zdzisław Mach at Jagiellonian University in Krakow. Further information about the PhD project is below:

Title: Anti-Semitism in the former Yugoslavia
Objectives: ESR10 will investigate the increase in anti-Semitism since the end of the Cold War and the Yugoslav civil wars, particularly the impact on this process of the rise of right-wing populism. The ESR can narrow the topic by focusing on a specific state, region or city of the former Yugoslavia or by conducting comparative research into the anti-Semitic trends in the former Yugoslav states and other European post-communist states.
Expected results: ESR10's research will demonstrate the influence of nationalism, radical political groups on the extreme left and right, historical revisionism vis-à-vis WWII collaborators, the influence of the Catholic and Orthodox Churches in the post-Yugoslav states on increased anti-Semitism.
Planned secondment(s): ESR10 will undertake a period of research at Jagiellonian University in Krakow and gain policy-relevant work experience at the Halina Niec Legal Aid Centre, Krakow (TBC) .

The ESR's PhD must be designed and conceived as an integral part of the overall FATIGUE project. The successful candidate will be a team player, prepared to work closely with the Project's senior staff and other ESRs. By the end of the third year the ESR will be expected to complete a publishable chapter for the volume constituting one of the major deliverables of FATIGUE. This chapter can be a part of the PhD dissertation, which, most likely, will be completed at a later date.

This is an outstanding opportunity to be part of a network of leading scholars working on one of the most pressing political issues of the contemporary period. In addition to PhD supervision, the successful candidate will benefit from a wide-ranging training programme, which will encompass:

- a) An overseas research trip to one of the partner universities in the FATIGUE consortium;
- b) A secondment to a non-academic training partner;
- c) A 'Comparative Analysis: Interim Results' workshop; and
- d) A research-to-policy/stakeholder engagement workshop.

The ESR will help organise and present their research at a major international conference on the themes of the FATIGUE research programme.

Duties & Responsibilities

1. Undertake postgraduate research in support of the agreed doctoral research project.
2. Work closely with the academic supervisors to ensure the compatibility of the individual project with the overall goals of FATIGUE.
3. Present and publish research to both academic and non-academic audiences.
4. Attend and participate in academic and non-academic conferences, events and seminars.
5. Attend and participate in all training events and supervisory meetings.
6. Be seconded to other network partners as necessary to fulfil the grant obligations.
7. Prepare progress reports and similar documents on research for funding bodies, as required.
8. Contribute to the delivery and management of the wider Programme, including attending and participating in programme committee meetings.
9. Undertake any other relevant duties as directed by the Programme Director and Scientist-in-Charge.
10. Pass the PhD entry exam at the Department of History, the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philosophy, and the differential exam at the same department, depending on the candidate's previous education.
11. Submit their foreign higher education documents for recognition by the University of Belgrade and by the ENIC/NARIC Center of the Agency for Qualifications of the Republic of Serbia for the purpose of carrying out further education and employment in Serbia.

Person Specification

1. An Undergraduate degree and a postgraduate Master's degree (or equivalent) in social science or history.
2. Excellent written and verbal communication, including presentation skills.
3. Highly proficient English language skills.
4. Excellent organisational skills, attention to detail and the ability to meet deadlines.
5. Ability to think logically, create solutions and make informed decisions.
6. Willingness to work collaboratively in a research environment.
7. A strong commitment to your own continuous professional development.
8. Ability to travel and work across Europe.

Eligibility Requirements

All candidates must meet the following requirements to be considered for this post:

- a) Early-Stage Researchers (ESRs) shall at the time of recruitment by the host organisation be in the first four years (full-time equivalent research experience) of their research careers and not yet have been awarded a doctoral degree. Full-time equivalent research experience is measured from the date when a researcher obtained the degree which would formally entitle him or her to embark on a doctorate, either in the country in which the degree was obtained or in the country in which the researcher is recruited.
- b) At the time of recruitment by the host organisation, researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of their host organisation for more than 12 months in the three years immediately prior to the recruitment date. Compulsory national service and/or short stays such as holidays are not taken into account.

How to apply

Application must be submitted online to prijava@razvojkarijere.bg.ac.rs

The application must include:

- a) A cover letter explaining your motivation for applying.
- b) A Curriculum Vitae setting out your educational qualifications as well as any additional scientific achievements and publications.
- c) Evidence of Advanced-level English – IELTS (or equivalent) overall grade of 7.5 with a minimum of 6.5 in each of the subtests. Candidates whose BA or MA degree was taught in the medium of the English language at a university in the EU will be exempt from the language requirement.
- d) A research proposal on the theme of 'Anti-Semitism in the former Yugoslavia'. The proposal should be no longer than 2,000 words (excluding the bibliography) and follow the guidelines here: www.ucl.ac.uk/ssees/sites/ssees/files/how_to_write_a_good_research_proposal.pdf
- e) A copy of your Master's certificate (or equivalent) or certificate of graduation.
- f) An official transcript of the completed subjects and grades achieved in the course of the Master's programme.
- g) Two letters of recommendation from researchers familiar with your academic activities, e.g. the advisor of your Master's thesis. The referees must e-mail their recommendations directly to prijava@razvojkarijere.bg.ac.rs

Applications close on 29.09.2019 and interviews are anticipated to be held in early October 2019. Potential candidates will be informed about the date of the interview in due course.

Further Information

For more information about the post, please contact: Dr Haris Dajč: hdajc@f.bg.ac.rs