



ESPOL

Call for Applications Postdoctoral Researcher in “ACTEU” Horizon Europe Project at Catholic University of Lille

Duration of employment: 18 months, renewable once for a total of 3 Years

Employment level in days per year: 200 days (full-time)

Working time: by arrangement

Work location: ESPOL, Catholic University of Lille (France, <https://espol-lille.eu/research/>)

Monthly remuneration (incl. Health & Social Insurance) :(according to collective agreement) 2861,5 € gross

JOB DESCRIPTION (Postdoctoral Research Fellow)

ACTEU, “Towards a new era of representative democracy – Activating European citizens’ trust in times of crises and polarization”, is a research project funded by Research & Innovation Actions, Horizon Europe Framework Program (HORIZON-CL2-2022-DEMOCRACY-01-08) which will start on March 1 2023 and run for 3 years. The post-doctoral fellowship should start in June 2023 at the very latest. The Catholic University of Lille (ICL) is a partner of the international consortium in this project (with a budget of about 200,000€ for the ICL). The project is coordinated and led by two German institutions (Universities of Duisburg and Saarland). Specifically, ICL co-leads WP 3 together with the University of Trento.

The successful candidate will join the international consortium of ACTEU that studies public trust in institutions. ACTEU seeks to map and investigate problems of declining trust, legitimacy and representation in Europe with particular attention to the polarization of societies and the EU’s multi-level structures.

The advertised position is based at the Catholic University of Lille under the supervision of Dr Giulia Sandri (ESPOL, Catholic University of Lille) and Dr. Louisa Parks (University of Trento), who co-lead work package 3 on ““Citizens’ behavior: The changing patterns of citizens’ political participation”, which examines the relationship between political participation and trust in political institutions.

ESPOL is a young, diverse, and rapidly growing political science school dedicated to excellence in research and teaching in social and political sciences. Created in 2012, ESPOL offers multidisciplinary,

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bilingual (English/French) study programmes preparing students to political, European and/or international careers. The Catholic University of Lille, with over 38,000 students, is a multidisciplinary university comprised of five faculties (medicine, law, economics, theology, and humanities), twenty schools and institutes - including ESPOL, six engineering schools; three business and management schools; medical, paramedical, social schools; management schools for the service industry; a Hospital Group – and, in total, some 50 research teams. Collaborative research at ESPOL-LAB, bringing twenty French and international researchers together, revolves around three broad thematic areas questioning the contemporary transformation of politics: (1) the ‘Quality of democracy’, (2) ‘Reconfigurations of the International’, and (3) ‘Politics of the Anthropocene’. Europe is a structuring, cross-cutting dimension of the research in ESPOL for these three research areas.

This is a 100 % postdoctoral position, which focuses on research including research management activities. The successful candidate will be able to:

- conduct independent and collaborative research (in particular by contributing to the data collection process for the project)
- present the findings of ACTEU at international conferences
- publish in international peer-reviewed outlets
- communicate with university administration, project coordinators and other partners

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

- completed doctoral studies in Political Science, Political Sociology or related disciplines in the Social Sciences
- advanced methodological skills, especially in quantitative research (eg: computational social science), and experience with quantitative survey analysis
- familiarity with the scientific literatures on: political representation and political participation
- excellent spoken and written English
- social and communication skills, as well as demonstrated administrative and organizational skills

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APPLICATION DEADLINE & MATERIALS

Please send a merged PDF file that:

(a) is entitled “Surname_ACTEU_Postdoc”

(b) includes the following documents:

- Letter of Motivation (max. 2 pages)
- Curriculum Vitae (including a list of publications)
- Names and email addresses of 2 referees
- 1 Sample of work

to espol.recrutements@univ-catholille.fr by 6 February 2023.

Shortlisted applicants will be informed before February 13 and online interviews will be conducted on February 20-23 2023. For additional queries please contact giulia.sandri@univ-catholille.fr .

ESPOL aims to increase the proportion of women among academic and general university staff and therefore explicitly invites qualified women to apply. Persons with disabilities or chronic illnesses who meet the required qualification criteria are particularly encouraged to apply. If you wish to benefit from an adaptation or accommodation of the selection procedure due to a disability, disorder or illness, please send an email to espol.recrutements@univ-catholille.fr

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