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Project information

Acronym*	FOODCIRCUITS
EC REFERENCE	GA Nº 101045424
Project title*	<i>"Hidden Connections Between Migrants and Societies"</i>
IP*	Seth M. Holmes, PhD, MD
Department*	Department of Social Anthropology; Faculty of Geography and History

Basic information

Job description

Title*	<p>Postdoctoral position in FOODCIRCUITS to study German Agriculture and Social Difference. - Position 2</p> <p>Nº GA 101045424 Ref. I1RN002506</p>
Offer description* <i>Project description, responsibilities, functions and/or tasks of the position, etc.</i>	<p>We are looking for a postdoctoral researcher to support the Principal Investigator of an international research project funded by the European Research Council, based at the University of Barcelona in the Department of Social Anthropology in the Faculty of Geography and History. This researcher will conduct 18 months of immersive, full-time ethnographic fieldwork research in German agriculture (focused on production, transportation, and consumption), community collaboration, academic writing and presentation activities associated with the project throughout approximately 3 years. With support from the PI and the research team, the researcher will engage in collaborative research with people involved in German agricultural circuits. With collaboration from the PI and support from advisors, this postdoctoral researcher will focus on German agriculture as a vantage point to study social difference, differentiation, identity, and identification in Germany regarding inequalities, migration, and the relations between East and West Germany.</p> <p>This project seeks to understand the invisibilization of connections between migrants and the societies of which they form part by studying how their contribution to those societies is rendered invisible. To achieve this objective, the researcher will study German agriculture as a place in which social class, migration, racialization and the relations between East and West emerge in intricate ways. Specifically, the researcher will focus on the German asparagus, providing novel insights in the construction of national as well as regional East and West identities,</p>



as well as themes such as gastro-nationalism, infrastructure and human-environment relations. This focus on asparagus will be complimented by some comparison and contrast with other common agricultural products in Germany, particularly the potato and/or strawberry. The project focuses on bodies and embodiment from a social theoretical perspective when considering invisibilization and connection. This part of the project connects the embodied experience of migrant farmworkers, supply chain workers, and consumers, as well as the different relations they develop with the asparagus (in comparison with potato and/or strawberry) depending on their social positions in relation to and within German society (including especially East and West).

The project methods are based in in-depth, immersive participant observation (and perhaps observant participation) ethnography with migrant farmworkers, transportation and supply chain workers, and consumers of fruits and vegetables within what the project conceptualizes as “food circuits”. Based on this in-depth ethnographic fieldwork in food circuits and interacting with social theory, the project will theorize gastro-nationalism and (ethno-) nationalism, mobility and circulation, racialization and racial capitalism, embodiment and health, humans and more-than-human environments, infrastructure and supply chains, connection and invisibilization in relation to agriculture, food and eating. The team is based at the University of Barcelona in one of the largest and most dynamic Departments of Social Anthropology in Europe that is home to multiple national and international projects and research teams working on issues of contemporary theoretical and social importance.

Job description: The postdoctoral researcher will – with collaboration from the PI and support from advisors – investigate social differences in the context of German agriculture from an innovative perspective that interrelates themes such as racialization, migration, social hierarchies, infrastructure, anthropocene and plantationocene, and national as well as regional identities. The postdoctoral researcher will take part in collaborative co-leading of presentation and publication ventures, including conference panels and journal special issues. The postdoctoral researcher will also help foster visual ethnography, which will be led by another member of the team. The researcher will lead the research and writing on German agriculture and will engage in collaborative research and dissemination. We seek highly motivated candidates who enjoy fieldwork, social theory and teamwork to:

- work effectively as part of a team in an international, innovative and multi-circuited project,
- effectively integrate the investigation on German agriculture, migration and social difference within the frameworks and social theory literature of the project,
- read and engage social theory and ethnography in relation to the project themes in dialogue with the fieldwork,
- in conversation with the PI, team members and advisors, take initiative to develop and to conduct in-depth, immersive, full-time ethnographic field research, with some relation to embodied and reflexive aspects – particularly leading the German Agriculture and Social Difference Circuit of the project,
- help build on, critique, and develop social theory from the context of in-depth fieldwork,



- actively seek to innovate collaborative research and dissemination activities – including potentially paraethnography or participatory methods as well as multi-modal, artistic, dramatic, sonic and visual, and
- write and publish social science scholarship from the research – some of which will be co-authored, some of which will be in English.

Key responsibilities

- Develop and lead German Agriculture and Social Difference Circuit of research project
- Conduct in-depth, immersive fieldwork with migrant farmworkers (production), transportation and supply chain workers (transportation), and consumers (consumption) – with collaboration from PI and support from advisors
- Engage respectfully with minoritized or marginalized migrant workers in fieldwork
- Read literature and conduct research to prepare the investigation on German agriculture at the intersection of migration, labor, food systems, embodiment and health, the history and identities of East and West Germany, Germany and Eastern Europe (or other regions involved in migration to Germany), social inequity and racialization
- Engage with the team in collaborative research and collaborative dissemination – the latter of which could be multi-modal and sensory (artistic, visual, sonic, dramatic, etc).
- Analyse ethnographic data and interact actively with other team members through the process of analysis and theorization.
- Write and publish articles and chapters – some co-authored and some in top journals in English – and consider other local and regional languages.
- Help in leading the development and publication of special issues to disseminate findings in top journals, some of which will be in English, especially during the years of the project as well as after the years of the project.
- Help support and foster the work of the visual ethnography member of the team.
- Present research with the team in conferences and panel discussions
- Co-organize the final conference for the project with the PI and the rest of the team
- Help the project have positive impact on social change beyond the academy.
- Show dedication and flexibility to the project.
- Follow the project's ethics and data management protocols.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate actively in the team's collaborative or participatory research activities with research interlocutors. Participate actively in the activities of the UB research group, including being present at the UB and in Barcelona during crucial times of preparation, analysis, writing, discussion, conferences, workshops and meeting. Interact actively virtually during times when the team is not present together at the UB and in Barcelona. 					
Researcher Profile*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recognised Researcher (PhD holder or equivalent, experience more than 4 years, not fully independent)				
Research field* <i>Select one</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural sciences	<input type="checkbox"/>	Educational sciences	<input type="checkbox"/>	Literature
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anthropology		Engineering		Technology
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental sciences		Religious sciences
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arts		Ethics in health sciences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sociology
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Astronomy		Ethics in natural sciences		Physiological sciences
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biological sciences		Ethics in physical sciences		Neurosciences
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chemistry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Geography		Pharmacological sciences
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Communication sciences		Geosciences		Mathematics
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	History		Philosophy
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Criminology		Information science		Medical sciences
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cultural science		Juridical sciences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Political sciences
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Demography		Language sciences		Physics
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Economics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other		

Gross salary per year*	37.037,72 €
	*Please see additional comments for additional benefits and funds.

How to apply

Required documents*	Application form (annex 3), *Curriculum vitae including publication list,*2 – 3 page brief cover letter including statement of interest in the project.	
Send your application to:	Email/website*	Instància genèrica
	Name	
	email subject*	Postdoctoral FOODCIRCUITS - Nº GA 101045424 (Position 2 GERMANY)

Working conditions

Type of contract*	Temporary		
Job status* <i>Select one</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> full-time	<input type="checkbox"/> part-time	Hours per week* 37,5h
Application deadline*	20/02/2025		Job Starting Date* 10/03/2025



Funding

Is the job funded through a EU Research Framework Programme?*		HE / Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND	H2020 / Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND
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	X	HE/ ERC	H2020 / ERC
		HE / EIT	H2020 / EIT
		HE	H2020
If not, indicate the fund program and organization*			
Science4Refugees*			

Hiring Organisation

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Work location

Department/Centre*	Department of Social Anthropology; Faculty of Geography and History		
City*	Barcelona		
Street	Carrer Montalegre 6	Postal Code	08034

Requirements

Required Education Level* <i>Select one</i>	X	PhD or equivalent
Skills/Qualifications	<p><u>Expertise/Competence/Skills</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Motivation to conduct immersive, ethnographic field research, ideally with embodied and reflexive components. Top-level written and verbal command of academic English is required; top-level verbal command of the German Language; and top-level verbal command of one of the languages spoken by migrant farmworkers in Germany (see below), including such languages as Romanian and/or Romani. Evidence of expertise, dedication and motivation to write and publish top-quality publications, including in English. Knowledge of and interest in social theoretical, ethnographic and social science literatures relevant to migration and its relation to Germany, identity and migration. Interest in social difference and differentiation, particularly in relation to East and West Germany as well as migration between Eastern and Western Europe. <p><u>Qualifications (IT/Academic/Vocational)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> An undergraduate degree in social sciences or related subject. A PhD in in social sciences or related subject with strength in ethnographic field research. <p><u>Experience</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Published or accepted articles in top journals in English. Expertise in in-depth, immersive ethnographic research, ideally with embodied and reflexive components. Interdisciplinary team-work experience. <p><u>Specific Qualities (e.g. attitudes)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Interest and availability to travel for project meetings and conferences. 	



	<p>17. High level of motivation and dedication to help lead aspects of the dissemination of findings – including writing articles – some of which will be co-authored, helping lead one special issue of a top journal, exploring collaborative means for dissemination.</p> <p>21. Perseverance, dedication and flexibility to work on a multi-circuited ethnographic project with multiple team-members.</p> <p><u>Desirable Criteria:</u></p> <p>21. Experience or interest in exploring collaborative and/or participatory means for research and dissemination of research findings.</p> <p>22. Interest in academic and social impact both in the regions and countries involved in the circuit and beyond.</p>	
Specific requirements	<p>Recommended: Spanish basic level Recommended: Catalan basic level</p> <p>*See note above explaining the importance of fluency in one of the languages migrant farmworkers in Germany speak: Recommended: Romani good level Recommended: Hungarian good level Recommended: Polish good level Helpful: Arabic basic level</p>	
Required languages	Language	Level <i>Basic/Good/Excellent/Mother tongue</i>
	English	Excellent
	German	Excellent
	Romanian (*See note above explaining the importance of fluency in one of the languages migrant farmworkers in Germany speak)	Excellent

Additional information

Website/s for additional job details*

Selection process

Eligibility criteria*	<p>- CV (maximum 50)</p> <p>- Cover letter (maximum 35)</p> <p>- Referees (maximum 15)</p> <p>The minimum score to pass the selection process 70/100 points</p>
Selection process	<p>An interview will be conducted if the evaluation committee deems it necessary.</p> <p>Required documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CV (include contact details of people from whom references or reports can be requested) • Motivational letter • Registration form (Appendix 3) <p>*Be in possession of the doctor's degree at the time of the formalization of the contract.</p>



Additional comments*

Duration of the contract of employment: 12 months, renewable up to 31/01/2028.

In addition to the salary, the postdoctoral researcher will qualify for full social and health benefits available from Spain and may be eligible for the expatriate tax scheme in Spain. Furthermore, the postdoctoral researcher will be eligible for a generous amount of additional funds to include: funds for new computer equipment, funds for field work, and funds for travel and food for presentation at conferences. In addition, the postdoctoral researcher will be eligible for a funded stay as visiting scholar at the University of California, Berkeley.

The candidate proposed for hiring must accept the job offer within **3 working days** from the date of notification of selection.

Priority will be given to people with disabilities (Law 89/2015 of June 2, reserve of quota 2% in favour of people with disabilities in companies of 50 or more people).

For additional information regards this offer, please, contact Dr. Mateu Font: mateufontimugnaini@ub.edu