



Overview of the Fellowship Programme CAS SEE Rijeka

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New Call – CAS SEE Fellowship Programme 2015-16

Following the implementation of the First Generation of CAS SEE Fellows in the academic year 2014-15 CAS SEE is announcing a new annual call for Fellowships for the academic year 2015-16. This call is organised along selected thematic foci (see below) but also offer the possibility of open applications. The CAS SEE Fellowship Programme for 2015/16 will host 8 junior fellows. The Call for Applications will be closed on 31st May 2015. The second generation of fellows will assume their positions by September 15th 2015.

Inspired by the excellent cooperation of the First Generation of CAS Fellows and their cooperative work that has created thematic synergies within smaller working groups among the fellows CAS SEE Fellowship Programme 2015-16 will stimulate the building of smaller groups of Fellows working on similar topics (or different aspects of one particular topic). The Fellows will present their work on a bi-weekly basis in Rijeka or other regional centers and will engage more intensively in research in the wider region of Balkans region. All Fellows will spend first two weeks of the Fellowship at CAS SEE premises in Rijeka. One part of the Fellows will then according to their research interests be enabled to spend the rest of the Fellowship in the region, while attending the regular CAS SEE regional seminars. By implementing such a flexible regional approach while maintaining the spirit of CAS SEE Collegium the Fellows will be able to create new synergies within the Collegium as well as to pursue their research within wide networks of other scholars and partner institutions in the region perfectly designed to enrich their work.

The second Call for Fellows is inviting applicants to focus on two particular topics:

I. Studies of Migration Flows in the Mediterranean Area

Only in first few months of 2015 hundreds of migrants have died crossing the Mediterranean Sea, many thousands of others are risking their lives fleeing conflict and instability in Africa and the Middle East and hoping to reach the shores of Europe. Related to this fatal migration flows in the Mediterranean Area many questions can be posed: What is the history of migration flows in the Mediterranean? What are the push and pull factors that trigger migration? How is the EU dealing with the migration? Which new discourses are emerging from the multiple migration crises in the Mediterranean? And more profoundly: What are the consequences of the tragedy in the Mediterranean for Europeans? Which new forms of self-understanding and self-reflection are emerging on both sides of the Mediterranean Sea? How can we re-conceptualize the very understanding of terms like “fleeing”, “migration”, “crossing borders” or “human dignity”, etc. in relation to the migration flows in this part of world?

2. Social & protest movements – Between (re)negotiating and (re)shaping political participation, legitimacy and the public space, and Constructing/Thinking the Togetherness

Ordinary Offences; Legal Protest; Rule Departures; Conscientious Objection; Radical Protest; Revolutionary Action are just classified concepts that cover larger scheme of resistant movements in one society. From Turkey to Egypt, Ukraine, Venezuela or Brasilia, contentious movements developed and resonated way beyond the local level. In Southeast Europe also, enraged citizens marched on to the streets to fight for their rights and interests, be it in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Ukraine, Macedonia, Romania or Hungary. In and by the movements the political participation and legitimacy of the political systems as well as very understanding of power (*Macht*) are renegotiated. The public space is becoming explicitly political while at the same time being de- and reconstructed. While contentious movements are formed by individuals, who act as a mass and advocate common goals and who – in the process of acting together – develop a collective identity. This means a joint awareness, common language and sentiment for the fact that they belong together and share the same fate. This is a form of new Togetherness yet out there to explore more profoundly. We invite applicants from all disciplines to submit projects dealing with specific as well as more fundamental aspects of social and protests movements briefly sketched above.

3. We also invite applicants to submit open applications

However, the applicants submitting proposals offering possibilities of thematic synergies with above mentioned topics (or enriching them with new aspects) are preferred.