



Postdoctoral position in ERC funded project on Migration and Democratic Diffusion

We invite applications for a 3 year postdoctoral position in the research project *Migration and Democratic Diffusion: the Impact of Migration on Democratic Practices and Processes in Countries of Origin (MIGRADEMO)* funded within the ERC framework. The project is led by [Eva Østergaard-Nielsen](#) in the [Department of Political Science](#) at [the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona](#).

Application deadline: 16/4 2019, **Start date:** By 2 September 2019

Project/research context: The postdoctoral researcher will be part of a team researching the impact of migration on democratic participation and processes in countries of origin. The research strategy of the MIGRADEMO project combines analysis of processes of democratic diffusion across three countries of origin and at three levels of democratic participation and processes: individual citizens, civil society and among political leaders and representatives. The tentative case studies are Turkey, Morocco and Hungary/Romania. The project will analyse already existing aggregate data on remittances and political behaviour and generate new comprehensive datasets based on both surveys and in-depth qualitative research among non-migrants and returnees in countries of origin, civil society leaders and the political elite

The project will be carried out until 2023 by an interdisciplinary team of the PI, 3 postdocs and 2 PhD students. While this call prioritizes candidates with strong quantitative research skills, the next call for Postdocs and PhDs related to also the more qualitative research tasks will be launched later in 2019 and expressions of interests are already welcome. Candidates interested in applying for externally funded postdoctoral positions such as the Marie S.-Curie Fellowships or other calls related to any aspect of the MIGRADEMO project research agenda, are welcome to contact the PI as soon as possible.

Key responsibilities:

The selected postdoc will, in close collaboration with the PI and the rest of the team, be an important part of both the implementation and dissemination of the project. The main tasks will be to:

- Contribute to the development of the methodological and theoretical research tasks, data collection and analysis, in particular to help design and oversee the implementation of household surveys in countries of migrant origin. Some travelling/fieldwork can be expected.
- Present and publish top-level joint publications within the project research objectives.
- Participate in the scientific training of/support to PhD candidates.
- Help organize and participate in seminars and conferences organized around the ERC project.
- Contribute to the drafting of MIGRADEMO research reports and briefings and other types of dissemination activities.
- Assist in research related administrative tasks.

Profile of candidates

- A PhD in Political Science or other related and relevant field.

- Excellent analytical and methodological skills, advanced training in social science methodology, in particular statistical studies and survey methodology.
- Experience with data collection and analysis using large sample surveys and comparative research designs.
- An excellent publication record relative to career stage.
- Excellent spoken and written English.
- Ability and commitment to work both independently and collaboratively as part of an interdisciplinary and international team.

Further valuable qualifications include experience with field research especially in non-EU countries, experience with mixed methods research and experimental research design, experience with and publications related to studies of migration and democratization, fluency in French and/or other language skills relevant to the case studies and excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

What we offer: We offer a full-time research position for up to 3 years. The candidate will have access to new data and work in the stimulating research environment of an international and interdisciplinary research team. The position, benefits and payment are regulated by a post-doctoral labour contract for research staff at the UAB. Salary is 31.573,64 (annual gross) and funding for project related dissemination in conferences is available. The candidate is expected to be in residence in Barcelona throughout the duration of the contract.

How to apply: Interested candidates should submit their applications to eva.ostergaard@uab.cat and merce.bericat@uab.cat by 16/4 2019 with the message subject "MIGRADEMO Postdoc". Candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. The following documents, integrated in one PDF file, must be included:

- A motivation letter detailing how your research profile and interest relate to the project.
- A detailed CV including information on methodological skills, relevant research experience, and graduate degree results.
- Names of two referees who will need to send their references directly to the PI by the application deadline.
- Two writing samples in English demonstrating the methodological and analytical skills of the applicants.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a personal interview, either in person at the UAB or via Skype within 2-3 weeks after the application deadline. For more details on the selection process, see <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/390014>.

Research environment: The MIGRADEMO project and team is based at the Department of Political Science at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB). The ERC project team members will be interacting with the rest of the faculty at the Department of Political Science and the interdisciplinary Institute of Government and Public Policy which include faculty and research groups at the forefront of studies of democracy, public policy and migration. The UAB is one of the leading universities in Spain according to international rankings and hosts a large number of ERC projects and other EU funded collaborations. The campus is easily accessible through a short train ride from the centre of Barcelona, one of the most welcoming cities in Europe for international researchers and students.

For further information, please contact the PI of MIGRADEMO, Eva Østergaard-Nielsen, email: eva.ostergaard@uab.cat