

## **Doctoral Fellowship at UNYT, Albania – Jyväskylä University, Finland**

UNYT's Humanities and Social Sciences Research Centre (Tirana, Albania) and the Faculty of Social Sciences and Philosophy at Jyväskylä University (Jyväskylä, Finland) are seeking applications for one (1) doctoral fellowship to work for the project "Industrial Citizenship and Migration from Western Balkans. Case studies from Albania and Kosovo migration towards Greece, Germany and Switzerland". The scholarship is intended to underline UNYT's commitment to research excellence, in implementation of the university's cross-disciplinary research pillar "Economies in Transition".

### Aim of the project

The goal is to investigate the process of Industrial Citizenship rights actualization from the bottom-up, i.e. rights actualization through a process of interpretation by migrants from Western Balkans in the EU. We will explore the relationship between citizenship, territoriality and states looking both at the protection of rights, as well as identity construction, and perceptions of opportunities for participation and belonging.

### Methods:

The primary method to be used is the biographical approach, which implies the collection and analysis of detailed narratives of life histories of the population under study, usually by in-depth, interviews. The target recruitment group is 50 Albanians working in Greece, Germany and Switzerland, as well as 40 Kosovo Albanians working in Germany and Switzerland. We reinforce our biographical accounts with semi-structured interviews, visual methods, participant observations, field notes and expert interviews.

### Position Description:

The successful applicant will be benefitting from a "cotutelle" agreement between University of New York Tirana (UNYT) and the University of Jyväskylä as a dual-degree doctoral student. Hence, the candidate will be close interaction with faculty from Social Sciences and Psychology at Jyväskylä University in Finland, the Humanities and Social Sciences Research Centre at UNYT, Albania and other academic institutions within and out of Albania.

The successful candidate will contribute to this research project. Though empirically focused, the project also draws on a strong theoretical background. The candidate will be involved in all research stages – literature reviews, data hunting and collecting, note taking, keeping and developing contacts with the informants, finding gate keepers and snowballing informants, transcribing the data collected and translating selected data, simple data coding, sorting in MAXqda and writing memos. Physical requirements of the position involve frequent commuting (driving license would be an advantage), good, verbal and written communication skills, frequent standing and/or sitting; visually, or otherwise, identify, observe and assess.

The fellowship is available to a new full-time Ph.D. student for a three year period, with annual performance reviews.

### Scholarship Value

Exemption of tuition fees (currently at a total of 9,000 € over the 3-year study period) and a gross monthly stipend of 220 € for the first year of studies. Additional funds will be provided by Jyväskylä University.

### How to Apply

For full information on how to apply, please check at <http://www.unyt.edu.al/phd/>. Applications must be submitted by October 31, 2014. For informal enquiries, please contact Prof. Nertila Gjini, Ph.D. at [ngjini@unyt.edu.al](mailto:ngjini@unyt.edu.al)<mailto:[ngjini@unyt.edu.al](mailto:ngjini@unyt.edu.al)>.