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AIMS AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Max Weber Programme (MWP), and congratulations on making it into one of the most selective and prestigious post-doctoral programmes in the world. The Max Weber Programme is distinctive in three main ways. First, it is a global programme located in an international institution that is dedicated to research in just four core disciplines: Economics, History, Law and Social and Political Science. Second, it has a critical mass of around 60 Fellows from over 25 countries. Third, and as a result of these two features, it differs from most postdoctoral programmes that consist of little more than a stipend and a place to work. Instead, it offers a programme with a dedicated philosophy of postdoctoral studies. This programmatic quality lies at the heart of its phenomenal success in placing 96% of Fellows in some of the best academic institutions worldwide.

The underlying philosophy of the MWP has the following two main components. First, a belief that intellectual community, dialogue and scholarly synergetic exchanges – not only within but also between disciplines – are fundamental to the early phase of one's academic career and significantly enhance the quality of the individual research undertaken during the postdoctoral Fellowship. Second, the conviction that a successful academic career (and success in the so-called academic 'market place') does not depend only on high quality research and publications but also on learning and understanding the world of 'academic practice': teaching, examining, writing and speaking well, competitive bidding for research funds and the like.

Two main features of the programme give expression to this philosophy: the Multidisciplinary Research Activities and the Academic

Practice Activities, which are both described below. Most of these activities are both flexible and voluntary: it is up to you to decide how much or how little you want to participate in them, and we try to tailor much of it to individuals – as in the advice offered on practice job talks and interviews. By and large, Fellows do around 50% of what we offer. The most demanding element time wise is the Teaching Certificate, though the overwhelming majority of Fellows who do choose to take it have found the commitment worthwhile. They also generally get an exemption from components of similar programmes that many universities now make compulsory for new academic staff.

However, we have also found certain compulsory elements valuable both for intellectual community building among Fellows and enhancing their appreciation of each other's disciplines and research, and for ensuring Fellows get the most personally from the advice and resources available to them within the MWP and the EUI more generally. As a result, we insist on the following core elements (most of which are expanded on below):

- Residence Fellows are required to live in the area of Florence for the duration of their Fellowship so that they may play an active part in the Programme and in the academic activities of their Department.
- 2. **Participation in the September Presentations** These provide an opportunity for all Fellows to get acquainted with each other's research, to chat informally together and with EUI Professors, and for the MW Team to assess their presentation skills.
- 3. Attendance at the Max Weber Lectures and Max Weber Book Roundtables The MW Lectures and MW Book Roundtables aim at opening up the intellectual horizons of Fellows by exposing them to topical themes of broad academic interest and cutting-edge research across the disciplines of the Programme, while providing a plenary gathering of all Fellows along with many researchers and Professors across the EUI community. To absent themselves, Fellows

- must request permission from the Director beforehand.
- 4. **Submission of a Draft Publication** All Fellows should be writing articles and/or books while at the EUI. This provides not only a check on progress but also, and more importantly, an occasion for us to help both substantively and formally in an intensive way with a key piece of research.
- 5. **Participation in the June Conference** This provides a final plenary occasion to participate in the intellectual community of the MWP and an opportunity to meet with members of the global Max Weber network.
- 6. Individual Page for the MWP Annual Report This forms a core component of our reporting to stakeholders on the progress of Fellows over the course of the academic year. It also offers an opportunity to showcase your achievements by providing a useful summary of what you have accomplished over your time at the EUI.
- 7. Furthermore, we highly recommend that you use the opportunity to **submit a Research Proposal** As we observe below, like the Draft Publication the Research Proposal relates to the production of a statement about Future Research that all Fellows will need to do in one form or another over the course of their period in the MWP. This exercise provides an opportunity for input from the MWP into this core academic activity.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The Multidisciplinary Research Activities aim at improving the Max Weber Fellows' understanding of the four disciplines of the Programme. In particular, we hope to lead Fellows to appreciate the distinctive contribution different disciplines may make to illuminating a given issue or problem, and – more ambitiously – to see the possible advantages and disadvantages of combining them in various ways within an interdisciplinary approach. There is no requirement on Fellows to become either multi- or inter-disciplinary researchers. The claim is more modest – that we are more rounded intellectually and better researchers if we have a broad grasp of how a given issue or

event might involve a wide range of factors that relate to each other in complex ways and appreciate how these can be explored and understood from a number of disciplinary perspectives.

Max Weber Book Roundtables and Max Weber Lectures

The purpose of the Max Weber Lectures is to invite well-known scholars from all the four disciplines of the EUI to give lectures to an interdisciplinary audience on themes of broad interest to the Programme and the EUI as a whole. They also provide an opportunity for the Fellows to discuss their work with the speaker in a more informal setting.

Fellows can also suggest speakers who work on their topic for Occasional Lectures. These lectures should be of interest to a broad group of Fellows, Professors and researchers. Suggestions should be made to the Director. Occasional Lectures can often be combined with Multidisciplinary Workshops.

Attendance at the Max Weber Lectures is compulsory for all Fellows.

The Max Weber Book Roundtables introduce major new works in one or several of the four disciplines of the EUI. The Book Roundtable will involve the author(s), one or several members of the wider EUI community and one or more Max Weber Fellows to discuss the work. We strive to have the authors do a 'behind the scenes' session with Fellows where they talk about the process of writing and publishing the book.

Multidisciplinary Research Workshops (MRW)

Fellows have an opportunity to organize a day or half-day workshop or mini-conference involving other Fellows, possibly one or two external speakers, and often a number of EUI Faculty and researchers as well. Ideally, workshops should involve Fellows from more than one discipline. The deadline for proposals is 11 November.

Research and Mission Funding

All Fellows receive 1,000 euros for research activities such as missions (attendance at conferences and workshops, visits to archives and libraries), registration fees for events, memberships and journal submission fees and/or hiring an EUI PhD researcher for short-term research assistance. All research activities **must be approved in advance** and a draft budget prepared: you will not be able to claim back expenses that were not previously approved. You can discuss your planned research activities beforehand with Ognjen Aleksić, who can give approval, advice and help with putting together the necessary forms.

Fellows with a two-year Fellowship may carry over up to 500 euros from their first year, to give them a maximum of 1,500 euros in their second year.

Fellows on the job market can additionally apply for up to 1,000 euros to cover the high costs of attending major job market meetings, or for attending job interviews. Appropriate proof that the additional funds are used for this purpose is required and in the latter case, fellows will need to provide proof that they have an interview and affirm that their prospective employer has not covered their expenses.

Max Weber Conferences

The Max Weber Programme hosts two major conferences: an Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) MWP Conference in the winter, which focuses on funding opportunities and the changing career structures of universities; and the Social Issues for Social Sciences Max Weber Fellows Conference in June, where all current and a selection of former Fellows present their work, and which provides a suitable summing up of the research they have undertaken over the year.

The ACO-MWP Conference brings together an unparalleled group of European, national and international research funders. They will

introduce Fellows to the funding programmes and offer advice on their potential applications. We also bring in a team of experts on writing research proposals. Writing a draft executive summary of a Research Proposal is an activity we highly recommend to Fellows, and Fellows are encouraged to take advantage of this conference for help with this important exercise.

Presenting at the June Conference – either in a panel or through a Poster – is **also a requirement of the Programme**. Fellows are encouraged to participate in the Conference's organisation, including the selection of external paper givers from among up to 20 former Max Weber Fellows and any Marie Curie Fellows who apply. The Organisation Committee can also select one of the plenary speakers, two others being the two honorary doctorands. This Conference offers an overview of what Fellows have been doing during the academic year, and is an appropriate conclusion to the Max Weber Programme's activities.

Interdisciplinary Research Clusters (IRC)

The interdisciplinary research clusters seek to further increase the strong impact on research conducted in the Social Sciences and Humanities in Europe. The clusters are centred around a topical societal interest; they are broad enough to allow diversity between and within disciplines; and they carry substantial policy relevance, especially in the EU context. The various activities within the clusters will be focused on the presentation and discussion of research. The clusters are led by two or more Professors of different Departments, and they will bring together Professors, Fellows and researchers from across the institute.

Fellows who have not yet indicated their preference and would like to join a cluster, can decide this at the beginning of the Academic Year. Those who would like to join a different cluster than that indicated on their application are also free to do so. In both cases, Fellows should inform the MWP of their choices.

Writing for Publication – Draft Publication

The Draft Publication (DP) is another **compulsory part** of the Max Weber Programme. This is a way of ensuring that all Fellows produce a piece of research of publishable quality that has benefited from peer feedback from both a substantive and formal (linguistic and presentational) point of view. Fellows are invited to view the requirement flexibly as an occasion to produce draft articles, book chapters or working papers.

The MWP supports Fellows' writing throughout the year (see the section Academic Writing and Publishing). We expect Fellows to select out of their work one DP to submit to the programme by 31 March 2023. The Draft Publications will receive the internal stamp of quality from the Fellows' mentors and editing by the MWP. If Fellows wish, they can opt at this point to publish on the EUI's open-access repository Cadmus, ensuring their work is widely disseminated and providing a concrete output of the research undertaken by Fellows during their time in the Programme. Instead, if Fellows publish outside the EUI we ask that the MWP is both informed of the publication and credited within it. The Cadmus option remains open to Fellows up until three years after their submission of the DP to the MWP. DPs are listed by Fellows in the MWP Annual Report and we encourage Fellows to submit information about their publications to the MWP Newsletter.

A Draft Publication can be submitted at any time between September 2022 and the end of December 2023. At least one DP must be sent to Alyson Price no later than 31 March 2023 who will forward it to your mentor for approval, and later edit your work. Extensions are granted in exceptional circumstances; if necessary, please contact Juho Härkönen.

Research Proposal

What we call the Research Proposal is a short proposal (typically between 2 and a maximum of 5 pages) conceived as the core sec-

tion of a possible grant proposal. The Research Proposal is a **highly recommended element** of the Max Weber Programme.

All academics will regularly have to write research proposals over the course of their careers, in many cases even to get internal funding from their own institution. Such proposals will often have to be written in English to allow for international peer review. Moreover, they may well be read in the first instance by a multidisciplinary group of selectors. First impressions can be crucial to the success of a research proposal being selected for more expert peer review. The aim of this exercise is to help Fellows make their research stand out from the crowd and to present their key ideas in crisp and clear English.

Many Fellows use the Research Proposal as the basis of a further postdoctoral fellowship application to the ERC or Marie Curie Programme or to a national funder, or as the Future Research section of a job application. We suggest Fellows take The Scientific Proposal of an ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grant as a model and do an abridged version. This should cover a shorter version of what is in the current ERC Guide for Applications as Part B2-Section 2: (a) State-of-the-art and objectives, (b) Methodology, and optionally (c) Resources.

The Research Proposal should be discussed with your mentor and possibly at a session of the IRC. As noted above, Fellows are also encouraged to attend the ACO Funders conference and get ideas and feedback there.

ACADEMIC PRACTICE ACTIVITIES

The Academic Communications Skills (ACS) activities are designed to help Fellows develop and refine the oral and written skills necessary for effective academic practice. Offered by the in-house (EUI) members of the FIESOLE Group and external experts, they take three forms: workshops and short modules; facilitating of small groups of Fellows working towards similar goals; individual feedback and coaching.

Activities take place on **Wednesday mornings** or other days/ times by prior arrangement. Participation in the workshops is open to all Fellows on a sign-up basis a few days before; in the modules and writers' groups, via expression of interest by 7 October. For further information prior to arrival, contact: Laurie.Anderson@eui.eu.

JOB MARKET AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- **Developing an Effective 'Job-Market Package'**. Wednesday 14 September, 9:15-10:45
- Writing a Teaching Statement/Teaching Philosophy. Wednesday 14 September, 11:00-12:00

Presentation skills

- Individual feedback on September presentations (Monday 3 October, 10:00-17:00; Thursday 6 October, 10:00-13:00)
- **Presenting and Public Speaking module** (3 sessions, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, October 11, 12, 13; 11:00-12:30)

Academic writing and publishing

Workshops

- The Journal Review Process: A Disciplinary Perspective (with senior academic staff) (1st or 2nd term)
- Writing a Successful Book Proposal (editor's rep & ACS staff) (1st and/or 2nd term)

<u>Structured lead-up/follow-up</u>: individual feedback on book proposals from ACS staff; individual feedback from editor's rep. Also see 'Dissertation to Book' module, below.

Writers' Groups and Writing Modules (Expressions of interest by 7 October)

- Writers' Groups. Organised on a disciplinary basis and facilitated by a member of the ACS staff, Writers' Groups (usually 4 to 6 Fellows) provide a supportive setting for obtaining focused, hands-on peer feedback on draft articles (or portions thereof) prior to journal submission. Schedule to be arranged with interested Fellows.
- **Style in Research Writing.** This 8-session module, run in the first term, takes the participants' own research writing and that of established scholars in their fields as a starting point to explore the interface between form (grammar/syntax), style/rhetoric and argumentative structure. The overall aim is to expand your expressive range and enhance scholarly 'voice' and effectiveness. First term, Wednesdays 9:15-10:45 starting 12 October.
- **Draft-to-Submission in 8 Weeks.** Adapted from Belcher's Writing your journal article in 12 weeks with the postdoc situation specifically in mind. You will profit most from this module if you already have a draft ready to be revised. Second term, Wednesdays 9:15-10:45, starting 18 January.
- Dissertation-to-Book. Articulated into three blocks (book proposal; sample chapter; theme/draft conclusions), this course/work group runs across the year (with intervals between each 4-session block), and is designed to help you get your revised dissertation on the road to publication in book form. First and second term,

Wednesdays 11:15-12:45. First block starts 9 November.

Individual consultations and coaching

Individual consultations (Wednesdays; in person and online) provide the opportunity for one-on-one sessions with a member of the ACS team to discuss and revise research writing in progress. These sessions can also be used to look over application materials, revise book or research proposals, prepare and practice 'dry runs' of conference presentations and job talks, do interview practice, or support other professional communication needs. Fellows can also arrange for onsite and online teaching observation and relative feedback.

Text Revision and Editing

All written work (articles, book reviews etc.) for revision/editing needs to be sent directly to Alyson Price (Alyson.Price@eui.eu), unless otherwise agreed with Laurie Anderson.

When sending your work please give Alyson the following information: title; genre (article, conference paper, book review, Power-Point presentation etc.); length; how soon you need the work back. Note that we try to return work within ten working days.

All Word documents submitted will be reviewed using Track Changes, showing the reviewer's remarks and suggested changes. Anyone not working in Word will need to convert their completed text to pdf and send in the pdf version. Please note that in this case you will have to transfer all the reviewer's changes manually back to your original text.

What we do not do: check entire books (though we can edit two sample chapters and give you advice on turning your thesis into a book); copy-edit texts to the required specifications of individual journal or book publishers.

Teaching Certificate

The Max Weber Teaching Certificate aims to both enhance Fellows' teaching skills and increase their international mobility through a series of workshops and a week-long teaching practice experience at Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona), Masaryk University (Brno) or University of Luxembourg (Luxembourg), College of Europe (Natolin), SAIS (Bologna), Autonomous University of Madrid (Madrid). For more details **contact Karin Tilmans** (Karin.Tilmans@eui.eu) by the end of September.

ACADEMIC CAREERS OBSERVATORY (ACO) AND JOB MARKET AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

ACO provides information on academic careers by country, discipline and theme, and links to research opportunities in Europe, job platforms and a list of funding from postdoc to professorial level. The Observatory is not an academic career advice service, but it will help you clarify your ideas about different career options. We also encourage Fellows to do practice job talks and interviews, which MWP staff are happy to organize.

- Among the offerings of Communications staff, please note 'Developing an Effective "Job-Market Package" (mid-September)
- ACO Conference on Research Funding, involving the major research funders from across Europe and including North America.
 Please note that this conference offers an opportunity to get information for and feedback on the Research Proposal, due in on 21 February. Many Fellows move on to a Marie Curie or other funded Fellowship linked to a research project.

THE DEPARTMENTS AND MENTORS

Each Fellow is attached to either a Department, the RSC, or the STG, sometimes to two of these, and is allocated a mentor within this unit. Departments and different fields operate in different ways, some having closer and others looser involvement with Fellows. However, at a minimum you can expect to see your mentor at least twice a term, who should ensure you can become more generally involved in the life of the Department. Mentors should also read and comment on the Draft Publication and research proposal and offer career advice concerning publication strategies and job and grant applications. There are also a number of working groups that Fellows are encouraged to join, some operating across Departments, like the Legal and Political Theory

Workshop, and others more associated with a given Department, although not excluding members of other Departments, such as the Colloquium on Political Behaviour. These working groups also offer a forum to interact with PhD researchers.

All Departments have a Professor responsible for co-ordinating links with the MWP and who sits on our Steering Committee. For 2022-2023 they are:

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EXTERNALLY-FUNDED FELLOWSHIPS AND EXTENSIONS FOR A SECOND YEAR

The MWP hosts a number of externally-funded Fellows each year. In addition to applicants from outside the EUI for such positions, deadline 25 March, we also often have some internal applicants from current Fellows seeking a second year. By and large, we believe it is in the interest of Fellows to move on and find a permanent job elsewhere. However, we accept that for some an externally-funded continuation of their MWF provides a suitable next step in their career. Those considering this possibility should discuss it first with the Director; they will also need the support of their mentor and the head of the Department. To ensure fairness, we prefer to consider all internal applications along with those we have had

from applicants outside the EUI. The application deadline for Internal Candidates is 10 April.

The criteria for an externally-funded position as they appear on the web site are as follows:

An externally-funded Max Weber Fellow should have a scholar-ship from a recognised National or International Research Funding Council or Charity (you can find examples on the Academic Careers Observatory website) that covers living and research costs equivalent to 15,000 euro for 12 months (1,250 euro per month). This requirement may be waived partially or completely only in very special circumstances. We understand that some applications for external funding require a statement of institutional support. In these cases, we are willing to consider making offers of an extension that would be 'subject to' obtaining the funding.

The applications (CV, Research Statement, support of mentor and Department Lead and proof of funding – or of an actual or prospective application for funding – all in PDF format) should be sent directly to externally-funded-mwf@eui.eu by the 10 April deadline. We endeavour to reach a decision by the end of April.

Finally, it can often be the case that a few Fellows either have not been successful in their job search by the end of their time in the MWP or have a short gap between finishing at the EUI and starting their new position. In these cases, we endeavour to help Fellows by providing them with the status of a Visiting Fellow. This does not give them access to mission funds but if they are in Florence, they will be able to use the library and a desk there and to attend all the activities of the MWP. We are also sometimes able to help Fellows find teaching or research assistant positions in Florence to provide them with some income.

Only in extraordinary cases can a Fellowship be extended to a third year.

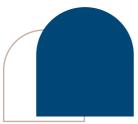
REPRESENTATIVES AND GOVERNANCE

A Steering Committee (SC), which is chaired by the President (or the Director), and that consists of representatives of the departments (the Departmental Leads), the RSC and the STG, the Director of Academic Services, a member of the recruitment/admissions administration, and a representative of the Fellows, oversees the MWP. The SC meets two or three times a year: once in early December, to agree the selection of Fellows for the following year and discuss the Annual Report, once at the end of June/early July to discuss the feedback from the surveys and self-assessment and to launch the call for applications and any changes that might be necessary, and occasionally in the second term should any issue or reform to the programme require discussion. All Fellowships also need to be approved by the Executive Committee. The MWP presents a more detailed self-assessment on a regular basis, which involves external assessors from outside the EUL such as funders of other major postdoctoral programmes, and is presented to the Research Council. Representatives of the Fellows also meet with the Research Council every year. A Fellow, usually from Law, also sits on the Fthics Committee.

The Director represents the Max Weber Programme on the Executive Committee (EC) and in the Academic Council (AC). Postdoctoral fellows have an elected representative at both committees. In addition, each Department and the RSC and STG group choose a representative who also attends the departmental meetings and those of the RSC. All in all, there are six, possibly seven, Max Weber Representatives. We organise regular meetings with them and the MW Team, and they may also request meetings with the Director at any time. The Departmental Representatives should talk with the disciplinary colleagues on a regular basis and raise any issues with either the Director, the Departmental Leads, or the AC Representative, and of course bring issues up at the monthly meetings. The Representatives may also wish to organise an informal or formal consultation with all Fellows on particular issues, and we will be happy to facilitate such a meeting.

DEADLINES AT A GLANCE 2022-2023

When	What
2 September 2022	Registration of MW Fellows
19-20-21 & 26-27-28 September 2022	September Presentations
30 September 2022	First Term Starts
7 October 2022	Preparatory Meeting for Teaching Practice Weeks
11 November 2022	Proposals for Multidisciplinary Workshops and Conferences
25 November 2022	Expression of Interest in Being Part of the Organising Committee of June Conference
16 December 2022	First Term Ends
9 January 2023	Second Term Starts
21 February 2023	Research Grant Proposal
3 March 2023	June Conference Paper Proposal
5 April 2023	Second Term Ends
11 April 2023	Third Term Starts
31 March 2023	Draft Publication
10 April 2023	Applications for Externally-funded Fellow- ships (internal applicants)
12 June 2023	Teaching Portfolio
14-16 June 2023	MWP Fellows June Conference
16 June 2023	Third Term Ends
30 June 2023	Individual pages for MWP Annual Report
20 July 2023	Fellows free to leave the Programme



THE MAX WEBER PROGRAMME TEAM

Below you will find brief details about members of the Max Weber Team. We are all happy to help you with any information you may need and will try our best to ensure the programme is tailored as closely as possible to your requirements.



Juho Härkönen

Juho Härkönen is Dean of Postdoctoral Studies and Director of the Programme. He is also Professor of Sociology at the European University Institute. He joined the EUI in February 2018, while on leave from Stockholm University. He took his PhD from the EUI in 2007, and was a postdoc at Yale before moving to Stockholm in 2009. He was visiting professor at the University of Turku (2010-18). He oversees the selection of Fellows and the overall running of the programme.

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ACADEMIC COMMUNICATION SKILLS (ACS) TEAM



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Asli's main research interests are (evolutionary) game theory, and behavioural and experimental economics. Her dissertation work centres around examining the evolutionary origins of social preferences and behaviours. Asli studies how humans evolved to be ultra-social while the extent of sociality in other great apes remained relatively restricted. In doing so she combines theoretical models, agent-based simulations, and lab experiments. She has published in the journals Evolution and Evolutionary Human Sciences. Her current work focuses on the role of commitment and cultural norm compliance in human sociality.



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Ellen Greaves completed her PhD on the Economics of School Choice and Sorting at the University of Bristol in 2022. Before her PhD. Ellen worked for the Institute for Fiscal Studies as a Senior Research Economist. and at the Centre for Market and Public Organisation as a Research Assistant. Earlier projects during this time include child development, such as the role of month of birth and parents' marital status on educational and social outcomes: teacher bias; initial teacher training; an evaluation of reforms to teacher pay in England, and the interaction between public and private investments in education.

At the EUI, Ellen will study school effectiveness, the effect of school admissions priorities on inequality, and the effect of racial and social segregation on longer-term attitudes and behaviours. Ellen's PhD studied parents' preferences for school attributes, concluding that parents in England actively use school choice and value

school quality, for example by responding to the revelation of quality information. Another key question was how parents' residential choices depend on the school choice context. Structural modelling revealed the underlying mechanisms through which geographical school sions criteria lead to property price premiums around 'good' schools. However, empirical work found that only a minority of households use this residential channel to access their preferred school.



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As a Max Weber Fellow, Tsung-Hsien aims to publish his dissertation and develop new research projects. In one of his works, he studies puzzling US household finance behaviour. It has been documented that many credit cardholders turn to expensive payday loans, even though they have not exhausted their credit cards. This behaviour is puzzling and results in high monetary costs because the average annual interest rate of payday loans is 400%, which is way higher than

credit cards of 20%. This has been termed the 'Payday Loan Puzzle.' He contributes to the literature by proposing the novel rational explanation that households choose expensive payday loans over cheaper alternatives to protect their credit scores because it is not mandatory for payday lenders in the US to report to credit bureaus.



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Umberto Muratori's research interests lie at the intersection of economic growth and labour economics. His research on economic growth seeks to understand the interaction between innovation, business dynamics, and macroeconomic outcomes. His research on labour topics uses US Census administrative data to study the labour market's functioning during recessions, with particular emphasis on demographic minorities. His research approach starts from rigorous empirical analysis to discipline quantitative models developed to address policy-relevant questions. As a Max Weber Fellow, Umberto aims to conclude several projects on his research agenda and open new avenues for his research.

Before joining Georgetown University, Umberto worked as Research Fellow at the Inter-American Development Bank. During his PhD degree, he was also a Dissertation Scholar at the Washington Center for Equitable Growth.

He holds a PhD in Economics from Georgetown University, an M.A. in Economics from the University of Bonn, and a B.A. degree in European Economics from the University of Tor Vergata.

Umberto worked as an instructor for the Economic Statistics course for undergraduate students at Georgetown University. He was a Teaching Assistant for several courses, including Econometrics I for PhD students and Principles of Macroeconomics, International Finance, and Money, Banking, and Financial Markets for undergraduate students.



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Parth Parihar completed his PhD in Economics from Princeton University in 2021. He comes to the EUI after a one-year postdoc at the Wallis Institute of Political Economy at the University of Rochester. Parth's research interests lie in applied microeconomic theory, particularly in political economy. His work studies the forces that impel cooperation and conflict amongst agents with heterogenous interests in dynamic settings, with a focus on bargaining and contribution games along with dynamic contests.

At the EUI, Parth aims to collaborate with the faculty and other Max Weber Fellows on a new research agenda that centres around the 'Crisis of Expert Knowledge and Authority' inter-disciplinary research cluster. He hopes to contribute to the cluster by analysing its guiding research questions from an information economics lens. Additionally, he hopes to continue to work on and complete several current working papers and

works in progress. He looks forward to fruitful research discussions and collaboration with his peers and faculty.

Parth has experience teaching graduate-level political economy theory at the University of Rochester, and serving as a teaching assistant for Introduction to Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, and a topics course in microeconomic theory (Economics of Uncertainty), as a graduate student at Princeton University.



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Yuki Takahashi is a behavioural economist studying gender and inequality issues. Their research primarily uses laboratory and online experiments to uncover people's behavioural biases behind the gender gaps in the labour market and persistent inequalities. During the Fellowship, Yuki plans to conduct a field experiment to close the gender gap in STEM fields.

Yuki received a PhD in Fconomics from the University of Bologna. During their PhD, Yuki served as a coordinator of the IDEE Meetings, monthly meetings for experimental economists to discuss their experimental designs open for researchers inside and outside Bologna. In addition, Yuki built professional networks with researchers inside and outside Bologna by visiting several universities and attending various conferences. Yuki also gained teaching experience as a teaching assistant for a graduate statistics course at Johns Hopkins University's Bologna campus. Further, Yuki deepened their understanding of real-world gender and diversity issues as a team member of the Women in Economics Initiative, an NPO in Germany.

In their free time, Yuki enjoys exploring cities, reading books at a coffee shop, and practicing yoga.



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Eva wants to pursue her research on issues related to development, roots of inequalities, gender, institutions and cultural norms. During her PhD, she participated in a summer school and numerous conferences, and she was a visiting scholar for two months in Boston.

During the Fellowship, she would like to benefit from the opportunity to be in an interdisciplinary environment to exchange and collaborate with students and researchers from both economics and other fields of science. She also intends to publish her ongoing working papers, and to start new research projects related to inequality, gender and institutions.

Eva has taught microeconomics at the undergraduate level.



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Weiwei Zheng obtained her PhD in Economics from George Mason University. Her research aims to provide more understanding of market mechanism and price formation. Her current works use laboratory experiments to check the effect of various market institutions in markets with few traders, and markets employing incomplete contracts. She plans to explore more on the role of middlemen during the Max Weber Fellowship.

Weiwei has been a teaching assistant for graduate level Microeconomics class and Game Theory class, and undergraduate level Intermediate Microeconomics class. She has co-instructed graduate level Econometrics class and undergraduate level Design and Analysis of Experiments class.



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His research interests include the history of science and empire, the history of capitalism, environmental history, and the global histories of Latin America, Germany, and Switzerland. Tomás is working on two projects: the history of pest control and commodity frontiers in the Global South, c. 1880-1930; and the history of Swiss science in Latin America during the 19th century. In these projects, Tomás explores the methodological intersections of material culture and transdisciplinary research, while integrating comprehensively indigenous perspectives.

At ETH Zürich Tomás taught seminars on global histories of the Anthropocene and history of Swiss museums. He lectured at the Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona) and the EUI about informal empires, global and Latin American histories.



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Télio Cravo is a historian with an interest in the Transatlantic slave trade, abolitionism and slavery in the nineteenth century. He completed his PhD in October 2018 at the University of Campinas (UNICAMP). His thesis focused on the experiences of enslaved, freedmen, liberated Africans, and immigrants in road construction in nineteenth-century Brazil. Prior to joining the EUI Max Weber Programme, he worked as a resident researcher at Brasiliana Mindlin Library at the University of São Paulo (USP) and served on the committee of the Bicentennial of the Independence of Brazil (1822).

His postdoctoral project at the EUI will build on his previous research and investigate how global connections arose from the Transatlantic slave trade, slavery, British mining companies and the activities of foreign engineers in the largest slave province of the Brazilian Empire. These aspects reflect his interest in the methodological challenges of global history.

Télio plans to use his time at the EUI to further analyze the impact of British gold mining companies in Brazil regarding the Transatlantic slave trade, highlighting the intensity and degree of economic and cultural interconnectedness. One of his objectives is to contribute to further our understanding of abolitionism turned into government and imperial policies.

Télio has teaching experience of undergraduate courses in Economic History.



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Paulina Dominik works at the intersection of global history and area studies. She was awarded a PhD degree by the Freie Universität Berlin where she was a doctoral fellow at the Graduate School 'Global Intellectual History' from 2017 to 2021. Prior to that, she received her BA and MSt degrees in Oriental Studies from the University of Oxford. Her research interests include the Ottoman and post-Ottoman Mediterranean, pan-nationalisms and anti-imperialisms, the history of nationalism, the transregional entanglements tween East-Central Europe and the Middle East and the history of Orientalism

As a Max Weber Fellow, Paulina will be revising her doctoral dissertation into her first monograph, tentatively titled 'For our freedom and yours: a global biography of Seyfeddin Thadée Gasztowtt (1881-1936)'. It examines the emergence and dissemination of anti-imperial discourses and critiques of a Eurocentric world order, the

cross-cultural transfer of ideas as well as transimperial activism through the biography of a Polish-French activist based in the Ottoman Empire and its former provinces in North Africa in the first two decades of the 20th century.

At the EUI, Paulina also plans to develop her postdoctoral project that studies Pan-Islamism in the trans-Mediterranean context from the 1870s to the 1920s as a frame for the quest of independence and anti-imperialism.

Paulina mentored undergraduate students in global history and the history of the late Ottoman Empire and of the Republic of Turkey.



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As a Max Weber Fellow, Anastazja will develop a new project which examines the relationship between peace and piety in early modern Europe. It explores how peace featured in Christian conceptions of piety and what role religion played in the

practices of peace, especially in multiconfessional contexts. This project seeks to further our understanding of a potent, yet still little understood, concept of peace and to illuminate an important, though often unappreciated, capacity of religion for fostering peace.

Anastazja has taught courses in historical methodology and European history from the 15th to the 20th century to undergraduate students in History, Economics, and Politics, and mentored masters and doctoral students. Her teaching interests centre around early modern, religious, and Central European history.



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Gözde Kılıç obtained her PhD in Cultural Studies from Trent University in Ontario, Canada. Her research engages with a cultural and literary history of love and/ as sickness in early twentieth century Turkey. It explores how Turkish views of love changed during modernization when love was brought into the domain of scientific and civilizational discourse, treated as a measurable and analytical concept. More specifically, it examines how the preeminence of biological and materialist definitions of love in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century in Turkey displaced earlier mystical and quasi-divine definitions, turning love into a socio-medical issue, and ultimately a vehicle for political agendas.

As a second-year Max Weber Fellow, Gözde will continue advancing her project further as well as her collaborations with researchers and scholars in the field of gender and sexuality studies.

Gözde worked as a teaching assistant for undergraduate courses in the departments of Cultural Studies and English in Canada (2008-2014). She also taught courses on cultural analysis, gender and identity, and feminist literature at Başkent University, Turkey (2015-2021).



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Emma Kluge is a historian of international organisations, anti-colonial activism and decolonisation in the Pacific. Her work investigates the intersection between transnational activism and institutions of global governance. She earned her PhD from the University of Sydney in 2021 with a dissertation on the West Papuan campaign for decolonisation at the United Nations in the 1960s. During her PhD. Emma also worked as a Research Fellow with the Laureate for International History focusing on the impact of the League of Nations in Oceania.

As a Max Weber Fellow, Emma is working on a book manuscript on the West Papuan independence campaign at the United Nations in the 1960s. Placing the campaign within the broader sphere of transnational anti-colonialism and post-war global governance, her manuscript investigates connections between Africa and the Pacific, and interactions between activists and officials at the UN. Using West

Papua as a case study, the monograph traces the shifts in politics of self-determination and decolonisation that occurred in the 1960s.

Emma has taught undergraduate courses on International and Global Studies, colonial history, and the history of decolonisation and anti-colonial activism at the University of Sydney. Her teaching interests encompass transnational activism, race, indigeneity, colonialism, decolonisation, human rights and international organisations.



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Guillaume received his PhD on the historiography of the French Revolution from the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales. The thesis studied the political uses of history in Third-Republic France and analysed the symbolic struggles over competing conceptions of the historian's craft, while putting a spotlight on Russian scholars to reveal the making of cross-border controversies and transnational academic reputations.

At the EUI, Guillaume will conduct a research project on the global history of positivism from Auguste Comte to the interwar years. He intends to shed new

light on one of the most widely diffused intellectual movements across the planet, with active branches from Russia and Turkey to Western and Central Europe, India, and the Americas. Acknowledging positivism as a key missing link in the history of modernity, this research will focus on how positivists responded to challenges such as secularization, slavery and colonization, and the place of women and the proletariat in a globalized, industrial world. It will also help to understand how positivist politics, developed under the motto 'Order and Progress,' resonates with contemporary technocratic governance and anti-democratic policies.



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Her research focuses on the development of the 1981–82 Eastern European sovereign debt crisis and explores the links between sovereign lending and politics, as well as the role of creditor countries in the development of financial crises, specifically between the UK, Romania and Hungary. During the Max Weber Fellowship she will be developing this research further to look at the case of Poland, and publishing her PhD thesis as a book.

Catherine has taught Economic & Social History at undergraduate level, and is currently supervising Masters dissertations as an associate lecturer for the MSc Global Economy programme at the University of Glasgow.



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In 2021 she received her doctoral degree from the Department of Letters and Modern Cultures at Sapienza, University of Rome. In her doctoral thesis, 'Technology and (the Promise of) Pleasure: a Study on Gender, Sexuality and Subjectivity from a Posthuman Perspective', she examined the sex industry's appropriation of robotics, artificial intelligence technology and virtual reality technology, focusing mainly on the gender and sexual connotations of this convergence. Christina also holds an MA in political science and sociology from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and an MSc in gender and sexuality studies from Birkbeck, University of London.

As a Max Weber Fellow, Christina is undertaking a research project, 'In Greece Too: Gender Violence and the Greek Women's Movement(s), 1984-2021', focusing on the institutional and public responses to gender and sexual violence in the last few decades in Greece and the role of the feminist and women's movements and LGBTO community in informing and shaping them. Specifically, she examines the policies and legislation targendered-based aetina lence, including incidents of sexual violence in the country, from the major reform of the Criminal Code in 1984 to the emergence of the Greek #MeToo movement in 2021.



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Kathleen McCrudden Illert is an intellectual historian and political theorist specialising in the political thought of eighteenthand nineteenth-century Europe. She specialises in republicanism, liberalism, and democracy, especially the role that sentiment played in the development of these political philosophies. She is committed to exploring the thought and activities of those who are underrepresented in traditional philosophical canons, particularly women, and in developing new methodologies to equip historians in this endeavour.

McCrudden Illert's current book manuscript, A Republic of Sympathy, focuses on the political thought of Sophie de Grouchy (1763-1822) during the French Revolution. As well as exploring the impact of periods of profound political, social and cultural upheaval on the production of political thought, it argues that eighteenth-century republicanism and nineteenth-century French liberalism were not,

as has sometimes been maintained, diametrically opposed political theories, but linked by the centrality of other-oriented emotion to both theories. Her next project will explore political theories of laughter in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Europe and the new United States.

McCrudden Illert was awarded her PhD in 2021 by Yale University. She also holds an MPhil and BA from the University of Cambridge.

McCrudden Illert has taught undergraduates in seminar and supervision settings at Cambridge and Yale. Courses include: History of Political Thought 1700-1890; Revolutionary France, 1789-1871; and American Revolution. She has also designed a course for advanced undergraduates entitled Enlightened Women.



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Deirdre Moore received her PhD in the History of Science from Harvard University in 2021 with her dissertation, 'The Heart of Red: Cochineal in Colonial Mexico and India'. Her research focuses on how complex relationships between humans, plants and animals led to the production of valued commodities in the early modern period with a concentration on the history of cochineal dye insects in Europe, Asia and the Americas.

Deirdre's research has been supported by the American Indian Studies Graduate Student Fellowship, Newberry Library, Chicago, the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Summer Research Grant, the Tyler Fellowship, Garden and Landscape Studies Department, Dumbarton Oaks and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada among others.

As a Max Weber Fellow, she will revise her dissertation for a monograph and work on addi-

tional publications from her dissertation research and a second project.

At Harvard, Deirdre helped teach courses on technology and democracy and the historiography and methodology of the history of science. Her teaching interests include the history of early modern commodities, the history and origins of international trade in the early modern period and the history of entomology and insect interactions with human communities.



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George Roberts is a historian of contemporary Eastern Africa, with a particular specialisation in the international dimensions of decolonisation in the region. He received his PhD from the University of Warwick and has since held positions at the University of Cambridge and King's College London, where he has taught across a wide range. George's first book, Revolutionary State-Making in Dar es Salaam: African Liberation and the Global Cold War, 1961-75, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2021.

At Florence, he will be continuing to develop two projects. The first is a transnational history of the struggle to decolonise Comoros through a study of the archipelago's diaspora around Fast Africa's Indian Ocean Basin. The second, broader project explores Africa's experiences of the 1970s oil crises. Rather than analysing the oil crises via an economic balance sheets, it addresses their multiple, contradictory ramifications across African societies. At multiple levels - from ordinary people to international elites - it examines how Africans repositioned their livelihoods and state-making agendas in a world marked by global interdependence and everyday scarcity.



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As a Max Weber Fellow, he is working towards revising his doctoral dissertation into his first monograph, tentatively titled 'Ordering Difference: Courts and Cross-Cultural Trade between Istanbul and Venice'. Based on archival research in Italian and Turkish archives, this study examines the day-to-day administration of justice for Venetian and Ottoman merchants in Istanbul in the seventeenth century. It asks how Venetians and Ottomans collaborated in commercial undertakings and solved disputes despite the absence of a system of interpolity law in the pre-modern Mediterranean. This work addresses the question through a comparative and microhistorical study of different types of Venetian and Ottoman Muslim courts available to merchants in Istanbul. Overall, Tommaso argues that the Ottoman and Venetian courts jointly supported a trans-imperial regime of norms and practices that allowed them to sustain trade across political and religious boundaries as a matter of routine. Apart from working on this book project, Tommaso is also preparing an article on the interrelationship between justice administration and the political economy of the Ottoman Empire and Venice in the early modern eastern Mediterranean.



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Miloš Vojinović studied history at the University of Belgrade, and worked at the Institute for Balkan Studies. His first book Political Ideas of Young Bosnia examines the emergence of the radical anarchist and nationalist student movement known as Young Bosnia on the eve of the Great War. In 2017 Miloš moved to Berlin where he was a fellow of the Global Intellectual History Graduate School. He was awarded a PhD degree by Humboldt University after defending his dissertation, 'Science for Statecraft: the British Empire and New Sciences 1890-1920'

In recent years Miloš was awarded a research scholarship by the German Historical Institute in London, he was a research visitor at the Centre for History and Economics in Cambridge and a visiting scholar at the Department of History of Princeton University. He is interested in contributing to two bodies of historical scholarship: histories of imperialism and histories of human sciences.

During his time at the EUI, Milos will analyse the research made about the Balkans in three different countries (Great Britain, Austria-Hungary, Russian Empire) starting from the 1870s up until the end of the First World War, a period when the foundations of modern Balkan studies have been set up.

Miloš has explored nationalism, imperialism and general history of the 19th century with cohorts of undergraduate students.



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Tetiana obtained her PhD in History and Civilization from the European University Institute in 2022. Her thesis explores a formative period in the history of American political science from the mid-1850s to 1903 and reconstructs how the nineteenth-century collegiate political learning, or moral philosophy, became the twentieth-century university political discipline, or political science.

In 2018–2019, Tetiana worked on German-American cultural transfer studies as a Research Fellow at Harvard University. In 2017–2018, she investigated the comparative institutional development of university systems as a Senior Researcher at

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During her time as a Max Weber Fellow, Tetiana will be rewriting her doctoral thesis into a book. She is also developing a post-doctoral research project on what she preliminary called 'the institutional logics of modernity' — the comparative study of parliamentary politics and university knowledge as two emanations that emerged after traditional institutions adapted to process the participation of novel actors.

Tetiana worked as a teaching assistant for graduate courses in comparative politics, history of political ideologies, and sociology of knowledge.



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Bohdan Bernatskyi is a Senior Lecturer at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (and Ostroh Academy). The key areas of teaching are Diplomatic Law, Public International Law, Countermeasures and Law of Treaties. In 2019, he defended PhD thesis on banning political parties in Ukraine and abroad. Since then, Bohdan has become a member of the Parliamentary working group on reforming party legislation in Ukraine.

Bohdan serves as an independent Legal Consultant at Project Expedite Justice (2022– currently), Future of Ukraine Fellow at Visegrad Insight (2022 – currently). He was a Legal Adviser to Ukrainian MPs (2020–2022), and Democracy Reporting International (2015–2019).

His professional track of record includes thorough expertise in the fields of sanctions and transitional justice initiatives. He is the author of the complex changes to Ukrainian sanctions infrastructure which aimed at converging UA foreign policy tools to EU best practices. Given EU candidate status to Ukraine, the idea to deepen cooperation within EU-UA CFSP, including sanctions, will gain more currency.

Bohdan participated as an Independent Expert in the transitional reform group launched by the Ministry of Reintegration of Ukraine. All efforts related to building solutions for sustainable peaceful reintegration of the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine was brutally interrupted by Russia on February 24th, 2022. The aftermath of the war will require harder approaches to transitional measures and Bohdan will contribute to this development.



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Friso Bostoen completed his PhD at KU Leuven as a fellow of the Research Foundation Flanders (2021) and subsequently stayed on for postdoctoral research. He completed his initial legal studies at KU Leuven (2016), including an exchange at the University of Sydney, and went on to obtain an LL.M. degree from Harvard University as a Fulbright scholar (2019).

Friso's research focuses on the regulation of online platforms under antitrust law and sector-specific regulation. He takes a decision-theoretic approach and infuses his legal research with insights from economic, business strategy and technology literature. Friso's work has resulted in numerous international publications and presentations. In addition, he edits the CoRe Blog on competition law and hosts the Monopoly Attack podcast.

As a MWF Friso plans to build on his work on platform regulation with at least two substantive projects: the first concerns decentralization of the digital economy, i.a. through interoperability; the second zooms in on a specific type of online platform, i.e. app stores.

Friso has taught competition law—and EU economic law more broadly—at KU Leuven, London School of Economics, Erasmus University (Rotterdam), Waseda University (Tokyo), University of Trento and University of Liège. His classes have generally been aimed at masters' students, with whom he prefers to take a Socratic approach.



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Giada's research project at the EUI is titled 'Rights of Nature and Indigenous Knowledge: a counter-hegemonic response to climate change?'. It aims at critically investigating the interrelation between Indigenous knowledge, Indigenous cosmovision and Rights of Nature in order to understand how such approaches are conceptualizing and responding to climate change and to the current environmental crisis. The project aims to do this by analysing examples of environmental conservation and climate governance in Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas where Nature is conceived as sacred and/or Rights of Nature are recognized.



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As a Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute, her work will focus on computational law. Building on CATA-LA, a domain-specific language (DSL) adapted to the law that she co-developed with computer scientists, she will focus on the legal consequences of using DSL in the formalisation of statutes.



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So Yeon Kim is an international lawyer with her primary interests on the law of the sea and international environmental law. She studied her PhD in Law at the University of Cambridge. Her thesis, 'Marine Protected Areas and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea'. explores the law and practice of five selected Marine Protected Areas. Beyond the focus of her thesis, she is also interested in public international law in general, international human rights law, third world approaches to international law, international humanitarian law, and international relations. Her works are published in International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law, Journal of the History of International Law, Legal Studies, and so forth. Prior to her PhD, she studied at the University of Edinburgh for her LLM. So Yeon also holds a BA and MA in Political Science from Yonsei University, South Korea.

During her Max Weber Fellowship, So Yeon's research concerns the intersection of animal welfare and the law of the sea. The law of the sea has viewed aquatic animals as resources. The consequence of this is unsustainable aquaculture. Her research will question this archaic perspective by questioning the assumption of the law of the sea.

So Yeon has taught postgraduate courses on public international law in general, including the law of the sea and international environmental law at Cambridge.



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Karolina Kocemba is a researcher at the Centre for Legal Education and Social Theory, University of Wrocław. There, she defended her PhD thesis, 'Interactions in spaces of legal education,' devoted to the spatial influence on interactions in places of legal education (mainly in Poland but compared to the law faculties in the Czech Republic, Netherlands, and Australia). At the same university, she graduated with two master's degrees in law and administration. She is also a graduate of The International Master in Sociology of Law of the International Institute of Sociology of Law, Oñati (Spain).

In her work, Karolina focuses on women's rights, constitutionalism, strategic litigation, legal education, and sociology of law. At the EUI, she will examine the constitutional litigation undertaken to limit women's rights in CEE countries in the populist moment. The research object is the actors' participation in constitutional cases on women's

rights and their legal strategies and arguments. She will analyse the participation of actors, especially right-wing organizations and churches, the type of participation, their legal strategy and arguments, and convergence with the arguments in the Constitutional Courts' rulings.

Karolina mainly taught the sociology of law classes for law students (MA) and co-led a three-year seminar series on strategic litigation at the University of Wrocław. Karolina was also a teacher and tutor of the Empirical Legal Research course in the International EDELNet+ PhD Training Programme.



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Michele Krech's research interests lie at the intersection of international and transnational law, global governance and institutions, and critical legal theory. Her doctoral dissertation - carried out at New York University (NYU) School of Law and funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) and the Canadian Council on International Law (CCIL) - examines the evolution of norms regulating gender in global sport governance. As a Max Weber Fellow, Michele will distil this research into an encapsulating article, theorizing the role of private institutional authority in global law.

Michele has contributed to numerous research initiatives focused on international human rights law, including under the auspices of UN Human Rights, UN Peacekeeping, Yale Law School's Global Health Justice Partnership, the University of Ottawa Refugee Hub, and the Humanitarian Law Unit of the Canadian Red Cross.

In addition to her JSD, Michele holds an LLM from NYU, a JD from the University of Ottawa, an MA from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA) at Carleton University, and a BA in Global Development Studies from Queen's University.

During her doctoral studies at NYU, Michele co-founded and co-facilitated the Feminist Legal Theory Reading Group and co-taught law school courses on 'Governance Feminism' and 'Football, FIFA and the Governance of Transnational Sport'. In addition, she co-taught a course on 'The Nature of Governing' at the University of Melbourne School of Government.



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Cristiana Lauri holds a degree in Law from the University of Macerata. She obtained her PhD in Market, Enterprises and Consumers at the University of Roma Tre. She also received an LL.M. from the University of Macerata in 'Innovation in Public Administration'. She was awarded the Prize for the best Doctoral Thesis in Urban Law of the year issued by the Italian Urban Law Association.

Her research interests include administrative law, urban law, law and technology, market regulation, environmental and energy law, and migration law. Her work has been presented at numerous conferences and published in Italian and international law journals.

As a Max Weber Fellow, Cristiana intends to study the governance of smart cities. Her research will focus on the role of public authorities and their autonomy in the face of new forms of technocratic governance. She aims to analyze forms of imbal-

ance in the smart city in light of innovative forms of market regulation based on solidarity, sustainability, cohesion and environmental and social justice.

Cristiana is one of the coordinators of the Global Pandemic Network, where she leads the Covid-19, Cities and Governance working group that includes Un-Habitat members and scholars from around the world.

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Svitlana Lebedenko was a PhD Researcher at the European University Institute before joining the Max Weber Programme. She works in the field of socio-legal studies focusing on global intellectual property law, innovation, and technology markets.

During her stay at the EUI, she will transform her PhD thesis. 'Revolution and Decline: Russian Innovation and Intellectual Property 1917-2020', into a monograph. In this work, she explores Russia's 100-year history of institutional experiments with legal forms, incentives, and organizational structures in the search of an optimal system of knowledge production and diffusion. This research is informed by case studies in the biopharmaceutical and information technology industries and relies on more than forty semi-structured interviews with key institutional actors in the government, universities, and industry. Svitlana will expand this research on the study of China-Russia innovation cooperation and its

global implications for national security, competition, and sustainability.

Svitlana holds Master's degrees from the College of Europe and the Higher School of Economics. In 2018, she was awarded the Hans Kelsen Doctoral Fellowship in Law. She served as an editor in the European Journal of Legal Studies and the EUI Law Working Papers Series. Svitlana speaks English, Ukrainian, Russian, Italian, and French.

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Miha Marčenko is an international law scholar who holds a PhD in Public International Law from the University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands). His dissertation, 'The Role of the City as a Discursive Practice in International Law and Governance'. explores the rise of the city as a discursive frame for (counter) hegemonic struggles in global law-and-policy-making. The thesis focuses specifically on the use of the city as a discursive frame in the field of international housing governance. During his PhD, Miha was a member of the Asser Institute for International and European law in The Haque, Netherlands. In addition to academic work, he also worked with international law as a researcher at a legal NGO called Syrian Legal Development Programme, and as an intern at the UN Codification Division and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

As a Max Weber Fellow, Miha will build on his previous re-

search and examine how 'the local' is constructed in international law and governance. He is interested in the legal and the broader discursive effects of the narratives of localisation and local representation emphasised in the United Nations sustainable development agenda and international human rights law. In other words, he is interested in the legal and political effects of the emphasis on localisation in international law-and-policy-making.

Miha has assisted with mentoring PhD researchers.



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Anna Peycheva obtained her doctorate from Kent Law School. University of Kent, analysing the informal legislative influence of the European Central Bank in the overhaul of European economic and crisis governance in response to the sovereign debt crisis. Anna has been an Early Career Visiting Fellow at the University of Turin Law Department, where she developed a Marie Curie grant proposal focused on the institutional evolution of the European Stability Mechanism (ESM). She has served in government as advisor on Economic and Monetary Union issues to the Bulgarian Minister of Finance in the Caretaker Government of Fall 2021. She has also worked in the Brussels think-tank sector, most recently as a Visiting Fellow with the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies in Brussels, where she published research on the treaty reform of the ESM.

At the EUI Anna will embark on a research project set to explore the constitutional repercussions of the European Central Bank's Strategy Review under the supervision of Professor Deirdre Curtin. Wherever possible, Anna engages with her academic research through the lens of Critical Legal Studies, in the vein of Professor Christian Joerges, and is an avid proponent of the explanatory potential of Niklas Luhmann's Systems theory for the resolution of complex legal framework problems.



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Sapna Reheem Shaila's research interests lie at the intersections of law, sociology and development studies. She completed her PhD in Law from King's College London (2022); LLM in Law, Development and Governance from SOAS (2015) and BA/ LLB Hons. from NALSAR University of Law (2013). She is a qualified lawyer (non-practising) and has worked with various rule of law and human rights organisations in India and the United Kingdom.

Sapna's current research explores how transnational norms are constructed, transferred and used to bring change in specific contexts. Underlying all these aspects, she is interested in examining the role of individual actors, groups and organisations and their influence in bringing transformative changes locally. Sapna's doctoral research examined a part of the puzzle by investigating the transnational rule of law promotion in East Timor.

At the EUI, Sapna will be building on her doctoral thesis and

working on her monograph and other publications. She also plans to expand her research to study the different 'localising' strategies undertaken by the UN and other global governance institutions to bridge the 'gap' between different 'levels' of governance.

Sapna taught at UCL, King's College London, and SOAS. Some of the courses she led include Tort Law, International Human Rights Law, Sociology of Law, War to Peace Transitions. Sapna also has expertise in Comparative legal cultures and globalisation, Qualitative Methods in Law, and Legal Theory.



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Valentin Thomas received his PhD in Sociology from the Université Paris-Dauphine (2021). His research examines the construction of the global regulatory system for toxic substances, and the associated power relationships between and within social movements, scientific institutions, public authorities, and industry.

His PhD dissertation focused on the International Agency for Research on Cancer, an agency of the World Health Organization, and analysed how this institution has crafted a specific definition of carcinogenicity since the 1970s. During his primary postdoctoral research at Sciences Po Lyon, France, Valentin studied the interplay between several local actors on the issue of industrial pollution's health effects in the chemical valley situated in the south of Lyon. He also conducted collective research on the French Yellow vests movement in following the social and political trajectory of activists involved in the region.

As a Max Weber Fellow, he intends to start new research about the construction of the European market for chemicals between the 1960s and the 1990s. It addresses the role of the stakeholders involved in this market building process, the way in which various types of toxicities were defined and differentiated from one another, and how this definition has led to the non-detection of specific health hazards.

Valentin has taught several aspects of Sociology, Political Science and Science and Technology Studies at the Université Paris-Dauphine, the Saclay University, and the École Nationale des Services Vétérinaires.



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Gabriele Wadlig is interested in questions concerning international and transnational dimensions of the global governance of nature, technology, and infrastructure. She is also a postdoctoral research associate at the Chair of Legal and Constitutional Studies with Interdisciplinary Relations at TU Dresden, where she works on the 'Legal and Political Challenges of the Cyber-Physical Social Road System' (part of the project 'Digital Twin of the Road System Physical-Informational Representation of the Future Road System').

Gabriele's previous work has focused on the role of international organizations in international law as related to the history and theory of international legal concepts. She attended the Juridical Science Doctorate (JSD) Program at New York University (NYU) School of Law where she wrote her dissertation on 'The International (Un)making of Tenure Security'.

Prior to her doctoral studies, Gabriele obtained an LLM in International Legal Studies from NYU (funded by Fulbright), a Mag.a iur. from University of Graz, and a Joint Master's Degree in Sustainable Development (MSc) from the Universities of Venezia/Graz/Leipzig. She also holds a BSc from the Vienna University of Economics and Business.

During her doctoral studies at NYU, Gabriele co-facilitated the Feminist Legal Theory Reading Group and convened several reading groups for upper-level students on critical approaches to international law and cotaught a course on "The Nature of Governing" at the University of Melbourne.



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Ipek Çineli received her PhD in Political Science from the University of California, Davis. In Spring 2020, she was a visiting graduate student at UC Berkeley. Ipek holds an MSc in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Before receiving her PhD, she completed MA degrees in Economics at Bogazici University and Political Science at Sabanci University.

lpek's main research interests are in comparative politics and political economy focusing on state building and state capacity. In her dissertation, she explores the interactions between international and domestic factors in shaping state capacity and policy outcomes. She is particularly interested in understanding how the development of the modern state in early modern Europe affected the state development trajectories outside Western Europe and why bellicist theories of state building fail to fully explain the relationship

between war and state building all around the world.

As a Max Weber Fellow, Ipek will work on turning her dissertation research into a book project by examining the diffusion of the modern state at the intersection of international relations and comparative politics. She will also work on expanding her dissertation research to generate new research questions. For instance, she will investigate how international and domestic factors interact and impact variations in nationalism.

Ipek has experience teaching quantitative research methods, comparative politics, and international relations at UC Davis at the undergraduate level.



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Effrosyni Charitopoulou completed her DPhil (PhD) in Sociology at Nuffield College, University of Oxford in 2020. Her doctoral thesis investigates intergroup attitudes and behaviour in the context of the European refugee crisis in Greece. From 2021-2022, she served as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Collegio Carlo Alberto. Her research interests lie in the field of intergroup relations, with a focus on local and migrant populations. Particularly, she investigates social dynamics that contribute towards the elimination of intergroup prejudice and to the development of intergroup assistance and trust. Her sociological approach is empirical, vet also aims at advancing sociological theory. She mostly uses ethnographic methods, but also employs quantitative and experimental research techniques.

As a Max Weber Fellow, Effrosyni will be working on her ongoing project on patterns of long-term refugee integration on the historical case of Anatolian Greek refugees in Greece as well as towards publishing her doctoral thesis.

Effrosyni has contributed to teaching a wide range of sociological and methodological courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate level at the University of Oxford and at the Collegio Carlo Alberto. This included courses in sociological theory, sociological analysis, and advanced research design.



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Jessica Di Cocco holds a PhD in Socio-Economic and Statistical Studies from Sapienza University, Department of Economics and Law. Although her background is in Political Science and Economics, she looks closely at cross-fertilisation with Computer Science and employs machine learning tools. Jessica is interested in voting and party behaviour, text-as-data, affective polarisation, misinformation, social networks, and inequality of opportunities.

As a Max Weber Fellow, Jessica works on text-based approaches to the study of populism and adjacent topics. She is interested in measuring the populist phenomenon using textual sources, the use of sentiments and emotions in electoral campaigns, and comparative analyses of historical trends through textual analvsis. She also deals with more theoretical aspects of using texts to investigate party behaviour and is interested in studying expert and non-expert positions on sensitive topics. She is also fascinated by exploring the nexus between inequality and voting behaviour using less conventional datasets, such as anonymised geolocalised data.

As an adjunct professor, Jessica taught Political Economy at the University of Tuscia (DEIM) for the academic year 2020-2021. In 2022, she held courses and workshops at the University of Lucerne, Masaryk University in Brno and Sapienza University in Rome



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Karim El Taki completed a PhD in Politics and International Studies at the University of Cambridge. His research explores the quest for social recognition amidst the tension between sovereignty and hierarchy in the modern international. In his doctoral thesis, Karim studied sovereigntism, conceptualised as an ideology seeking the social recognition of a state's own sense of sovereign status and agency in reaction to subordination dynamics across domestic, regional, and global hierarchies. He investigated sovereigntism empirically in Egypt and Qatar during two episodes in which they were subjected to normative and material subordination

dynamics they experienced as social misrecognition.

As a Max Weber Fellow, Karim will develop his thesis into a book manuscript while launching his next research projects. He will research the genealogy of sovereignty in its dual agential and discursive ontology as it emerged in nineteenth-century Egypt within imperial and colonial hierarchies. He is also interested in researching the historical sociology of sovereigntism in European contexts.

Karim has experience teaching undergraduate courses in comparative politics and on the politics of the Middle Fast.



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As a Max Weber Fellow, Daniëlle has been working on the securitization of internet content in the European Union as a legitimation strategy for increased regulation, and the global consequences of authoritarian regionalism. She was also one of the investigators in a CIVICA and Horizon 2020-funded research project on digital trade integration. In this project, researchers from Bocconi University, the European University Institute, the Hertie School, and the London

School of Economics and Political Science worked together to develop a database and index on digital trade restrictions. From September 2022 onwards, she took on the position of Part-Time Assistant Professor at the EUI, with a research focus on the global consequences of autocracy, such as the development of competitive internet governance regimes.



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Natalia Garbiras-Diaz received her PhD in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, in 2021, she is a Research Associate at the Center on the Politics of Development. She holds an M.A. in Economics from the University of Los Andes (Colombia). Before receiving her PhD, she worked at the World Bank, the Observatory of Democracy, and Colombia's National Planning Department.

Her main research interests are in comparative politics and the political economy of development, focusing on corruption, public goods provision, and accountability in Latin America. She also studies the formation of citizen and ex-combatant attitudes and their role in stabilizing peace in post-conflict settings. In the manuscript of her dissertation, she explores the information and institutional environments that pave the way for outsider candidates' rise and success. As a Max Weber Fellow, she will continue working on this book project.

Natalia has experience teaching quantitative research methods at UC Berkeley at the graduate and undergraduate levels. She has also been an instructor at the EGAP Learning Days. She has also taught courses in Comparative Politics and on Clientelism and corruption.



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Daniel Goldstein holds a PhD in Political Science from Yale University. He holds a BA from Washington University in St. Louis and an MSc from the London School of Economics, both in political economy. He also holds an MA in Economics from Yale University. A political economist and formal theorist, his research primarily examines how informal factors, such as social norms, augment the stability and efficacy of political institutions. Working across comparative political economy, he most often leverages game theory and experimental methods. His dissertation, 'Institutional Fault Lines: Crises, Norms, and the Informal Foundations of the State,' examined how norms and crises impact the functioning of state capacity and democratic electoral institutions.

Daniel's aim during the Max Weber Fellowship is to continue his examination of how norms impact the performance of political institutions. He is also excited to broaden the scope of this research, such as considering how norms operate across different political regimes. Moreover, he aims to build on his past research to also consider the means by which political norms initially arise.

Daniel has extensive experience teaching game theory at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Moreover, through both the hiring of research assistants and formal advising roles, he has had the opportunity to introduce undergraduate and PhD students to contemporary social science research methods and to help guide their development of research questions and designs.



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In his prior research, he examined the relationship between countries' positions in the world economy and characteristics of their housing systems such as the role of the family, the state and the market in housing access. In his PhD research, he analysed changes in the extent and form of parental support in young adults' housing access through Hungarian housing market cycles in the past decades.

As a Max Weber Fellow, Bence will pursue research about the influence of conservative ideology on housing policymaking in Europe. Through country case studies, he will look at mechanisms through which the conservative conception of housing as a family home is emerging as an alternative to the neoliberal and social democratic conceptions of housing.

Bence has taught Economic Sociology as well as his own course in Urban Studies at the university level.



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Julia Leschke is currently finishing her PhD in Political Science at the Department of Government at the London School of Fconomics and Political Science. During her PhD Julia was a visiting fellow at Humboldt University Berlin. Prior to this, she obtained an MSc in Politics Research from the University of Oxford and obtained a BA in Social Science from Humboldt University Berlin, including one academic year at University College London. She has been funded by the LSE studentship and the German Academic Scholarship Foundation, and won several prizes and grants, such as the EUSA Ernst Haas Fellowship, the Phelan US Centre Summer Grant, and the STICERD Small Grant, among others. She has taught courses on parties, research design, data science and machine learning.

In her PhD thesis Julia develops an approach to measure populist and anti-populist positions in multilingual texts to explain their variation across

time and parties, as well as an approach to understand the effects of spatial exposure to out-groups on voting behaviour. Julia's substantial research interest is in the causes and measurement of political positions and ideologies of political actors, as well as political attitudes and behaviour; her methodological interests focus on multi-lingual quantitative text analysis, machine learning, causal inference and innovative applications of geospatial network analysis. As a Max Weber Fellow, Julia will examine the causal effects and measurement of authoritarian indoctrination in education on democratic attitudes.



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Eunjeong Paek earned a PhD degree at the University of Southern California in 2022. Her dissertation examines how changing labour markets affect family-friendly policies with a focus on technological advances, union decline and demographic shifts in the labour force. She also studies the stratification of women's employment from cross-national perspectives, the relationship between family-friendly policies and gendered workplaces, and the intersection of family transition and labour outcomes.

Eunjeong's work has been published in Work, Employment and Society, Community, Work & Family, American Sociological Review, European Sociological Review and Population and Development Review.



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Samuel Ritholtz's work lies at the intersections of comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. They completed their DPhil and MSc at the University of Oxford's Refugee Studies Centre and their BSc at Cornell University. They have held visiting research fellowships at Hertie School (Centre for International Security) in Berlin, and at the Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá. Samuel has worked for the United Nations, in the Executive Office of the Secretary General, as well as for human rights organizations in Washington DC and Buenos Aires.

Samuel's research centres marginalized social groups in studies of contentious politics. Their doctoral dissertation investigated collective violence against LGBTIQ+ people during the Colombian civil war and tied these dynamics to wartime social transformation processes. At the EUI, they will continue to explore the roles of marginality, brutality, and spectacle during

the Colombian civil war – with a renewed focus on the concept of 'social cleansing'.

At the EUI, Samuel will pursue a secondary research interest in LGBTIQ+ displacement from both theoretical and empirical perspectives. They will complete their co-authored manuscript Toward a Queer Theory of Refuge for the University of California Press. And they will finish a collaborative, SSHRC-funded field project on the lives of LG-BTIQ+ Venezuelan migrants in Colombia and Brazil.

Samuel has served as a lecturer for Somerville College, the University of Oxford, and Stanford University.



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Lucas Sage is a sociologist whose research interests span the areas of social stratification and inequality. He holds a PhD in sociology and social research from Sorbonne University and from the university of Trento (double degree) in 2022. In his dissertation he analysed the mechanisms generating wage inequality both between and within sociodemographic groups. He identified assortative sorting, i.e. the tendency for highly-skilled workers to be overrepresented in high paying organizations and occupations. This produces a cumulative (dis) advantage phenomenon that contributes to explaining both within-group betweenand wage differences.

As a Max Weber Fellow Lucas will work on a new project dissecting inequality formation in the scientific realm. Notably he will study how co-authors can learn from each other through interactions and how this mechanisms may interact with team formation mechanisms to exac-

erbate divergences in career trajectories. In his work, Lucas uses both statistical modeling on large scale administrative and digital sources data and agentbased modeling. He is particularly interested in creating fruitful synergies between the two techniques, always focusing on how micro decisions aggregate to form macro-level patterns of inequality.

Lucas has taught statistics and social stratification courses at Sorbonne University at the undergraduate level.



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Felix Schaff obtained his PhD in economic history from the London School of Economics. He received BA and MSc degrees in Economics and Management from Witten-Herdecke University and Bocconi University, and an MPhil.in Economic and Social History from the University of Cambridge.

Felix's main research interests are in the fields of economic history, political economy, economic inequality and mobility. He tries to find answers to a major puzzle in economic history: why was economic inequality already high when industrialisation and modern economic growth began?

In his PhD project Felix first reconstructed inequality statistics, such as the top 10% wealth share and the Gini coefficient, from archive documents, from the Black Death in the 14th century until the Industrial Revolution in the 19th century. Second, he investigated the causal effects of three forces grounded in the political

economy of early-modern Europe: the Protestant Reformation, warfare, and oligarchic governmental institutions.

In his new research project, 'Wealth and gender inequality in a historical developing economy: Württemberg 1545', Felix studies the effect of inheritance practices on wealth and gender inequality. At the heart of this project lies the idea that inheritance practices, arguably the most important resource allocation mechanism outside markets, can be inequality-promoting or reducing. These practices are historically so persistent that the same customs prevail in many areas of Württemberg today.



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Giacomo Vagni is a sociologist with specialisations in time use research, social stratification, and gender inequality. His research focuses on the social stratification of time use in different welfare regimes. He also works on the transformations of family relations since the 1960s in Britain using time diary data.

At the EUI, Giacomo will be pursuing his comparative work on inequality and time use patterns. He will also be working on a cross-national project about the stratification of childcare and parental time.

Giacomo completed his D.Phil. (PhD) in Sociology at Nuffield College, University of Oxford. He holds an M.A. in Sociology from the University of Geneva. He has been a visiting student at Cornell University, Boston University and the French Institute for Demographic Studies.

Giacomo is a core member of the Centre for Time Use Research, University College London, and he is an associate member of Nuffield College, University of Oxford. His work has appeared in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the European Sociological Review and the British Journal of Sociology.



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Tatyana Bajenova received a PhD in Political Science from the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon (France) within the European 'Universities in the Knowledge Economy' project, funded by the FP7 – Marie Curie Actions. Her PhD project dealt with European think tanks and their influence on EU institutions. Before joining the EUI, she has been carrying out her postdoctoral research project at the University of Lausanne, exploring the role of Swiss universities in science diplomacy, funded by the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship. As a Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow she works on a research project analysing the role of universities in the EU's science diplomacy based on the cases of Denmark and the United Kingdom.

Her research interests include internationalization of research, higher education and public health sectors; lobbying and use of expertise in EU policymaking; the role of non-state actors in transnational governance, public, science and health diplomacy.

Tatyana has also been involved in teaching and development of new educational courses. As a Guest Lecturer at the Science-Po de Lyon (France) she developed and taught the 'Lobbying and Think Tanks' module for the 'Globalisation and Governance' MA Programme. In June 2022 she obtained the Max Weber Programme Teaching Certificate following the teaching practice week at the Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona (Spain) where she developed and taught seminars on science and health diplomacy.



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Matteo Caravani is a political economist working in the field of international development, and more specifically on the ways in which the theory and practice of development impacts marginalised populations.

His research interests and expertise have developed over ten years working as a researcher and policy advisor in East Africa, where emerging local scarcity and dispossession of resources and livelihoods have increased vulnerability, thus causing local conflict, food insecurity and abject poverty.



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Matilde Ceron was a postdoc at Luiss University working on EU leadership selection. interinsti-tutional relations and public le-gitimacy. She holds an MSc in Economics Social Scienc-es from Bocconi University and an MA in Public Policy Analysis from College of Europe. She completed her PhD in Political Studies at the University of Milan (NASP) with a dissertation on the distributive impact of the Stability and Growth on national budget structures. In the past, she was a political economy postdoc at the Univer-sity of Pavia and has worked in the policy sector evaluations and impact assessments for the institutions. As a Max Weber Fellow she will continue working on EU economic governance, expanding her research to the pandemic period.



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Sonali Chowdhry is an economist with research interests in international trade and firm heterogeneity. She pursued her PhD in Economics as a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow at the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich. She also worked as a Junior Economist specialising in trade policy with the Kiel Institute for the World Economy and the Ifo Institute's Center for International Economics, Prior to her PhD. Sonali read for the MPhil in Economics from the University of Oxford as a recipient of the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship from India.

Sonali's research examines the reallocation effects of trade policy shocks using detailed transactions-level customs databases. During the MWP, she will be constructing a novel database on buyer-seller international trade networks in order to investigate two-sided heterogeneity within firm-to-firm relationships.

Alongside academic research, Sonali actively contributes to policy studies on trade agreements and has served as an external consultant for institutions such as the European Parliament and the German Federal Ministry of Economics. Her research on the US-China tariff war, sanctions policy and the COVID-19 trade collapse has received coverage in leading news outlets including Bloomberg, Reuters, Der Spiegel and Die Zeit.

Sonali regularly mentors international students applying for higher education opportunities and scholarships in the EU and UK. At the EUI, she will be pursuing the Max Weber Teaching Certificate and is interested in developing courses on trade policy and the distributional implications of globalisation.



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Arthur Duhé is an alumnus of the Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (M.Phil in History of Philosophy) and the École Normale Supérieure de la rue d'Ulm (Philosophy) and benefited from research exchanges with departments of Politics at the University of Cambridge and at Columbia University. After a PhD in International Relations at the University of Oxford, under the supervision of Edward Keene, he held a Lecturer position (ATER) in Politics at Université Paris 8 in 2021-2022. Arthur's research is at the crossroads of political theory, historical international relations, and revolution theory. His PhD thesis relied on Baruch Spinoza's philosophy to theorise transnational affective circulations (in particular indignation, fraternity, and fear) in revolutionary springs. This theoretical apparatus was then applied to two historical episodes, namely the Springtime of the Nations and the Arab Spring.

His current postdoc project focuses on political fraternity

from the French Revolution to the waves of decolonisation in the 1960s. Fraternity became an important political notion at the end of the eighteenth century while nationalism was emerging. In the same period, fraternity was also part and parcel of the emotional grammar displayed by internationalist imaginaries (be they republican, socialist, Christian. pan-Islamist. Third-Worldist. etc.). Thus, analysing expressions of fraternity sheds light on the way national and international communities were imagined, challenged, and felt.



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Victoria (Vicki) Finn is a second-year Max Weber Fellow. researching migrant political participation, (non)citizenship, and migration governance in South America. Her publications appear in Citizenship Studies, International Political Science Review, Bulletin of Latin American Research, and Latin American Policy, and in Spanish in Colombia Internacional, Revista Interdisciplinar da Mobilidade Humana, and Revista Andina de Estudios Políticos, among others.

Victoria is the recipient of the 2022 Best Dissertation Award from the Migration & Citizenship Section of the American Political Science Association (APSA) for her dissertation, 'Migrant Rights, Voting, and Resocialization: Suffrage in Chile and Ecuador, 1925-2020' stemming from her PhD in Political Science from Universidad Diego Portales and PhD in Humanities from Leiden University. She also holds an MA in International Affairs from the George Washington University.

Victoria serves as an elected Co-Convener for the ECPR Standing Group on Migration & Ethnicity and elected Executive Council Officer for the APSA Migration & Citizenship Section. Previously a 2021 Visiting Doctoral Fellow at Tallinn University, she collaborated on a migration-related EU Horizon 2020 project. She has also assisted in qualitative methods courses and has taught undergraduate courses in international relations, economics, and migration.

This year, Victoria will continue her research agenda through completing articles under review, alongside finishing her manuscript, 'The Theory of Political Embedding: Why ImlEmigrants Vote'.



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Iuliia Lashchuk is a researcher, migration activist and curator. She received her PhD in Philosophy, with distinction, from the University of Warsaw. As an independent researcher, she has been cooperating with the University of Warsaw, Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz, and Wise Europe, an independent think tank based in Warsaw. During her PhD she was an intern at the University of Federico II in Naples and the Academy of Fine Arts of Catania.

Iuliia focuses her research on the categories of otherness and strangeness with a specific focus on gender issues and female migration. She is interested in issues of identity, belonging, and diversity, as well as ethical dimensions of hospitality. In her interdisciplinary research, she is exploring alternative methods of speaking about migration, such as contemporary art practices. As a Max Weber Fellow she will continue her research on Ukrainian female migration, analysing its dynamic and changes in the

context of the current political situation. In her research she will focus on the analysis of receiving and integration of Ukrainian female refugees at the three levels of policies, civil society and diaspora.

Iuliia has taught undergraduate courses on Ethics at the University of Warsaw and Sociology of Communication and Digital Cultures at the Academy of Fine Arts of Catania.



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Morshed Mannan, LL.M. (Adv.) worked on a doctoral dissertation on the emergence of democratic firms in the platform economy at Leiden Law School, Leiden University. Prior to the MWF programme, Morshed was a Research Associate at the Robert Schuman Centre and is a Research Affiliate of the Institute for the Cooperative Digital Economy at The New School in New York City. During the course of his PhD, Morshed acted as an expert for the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs on the legal framework for platform cooperatives and consulted for the International Co-operative Alliance and the NCBA CLUSA-International on topics of cooperative law.

As a Max Weber Fellow, Morshed hopes to continue researching his two main interests: blockchain governance and platform cooperatives. In addition to writing articles with his MWF mentor, Dr. Primavera de Filippi, Morshed hopes to publish a book building on his

doctoral dissertation. He also wishes to collaborate with other Max Weber Fellows who share his research interests.

Since 2012, Morshed has had experience in lecturing and coordinating courses on international commercial law, administrative law, comparative corporate law, and media law at B.A. and M.A. level at the London College of Legal Studies (Bangladesh), Leiden Law School, the New School and the Higher School of Economics in Moscow. He has also supervised several B.A. and M.A. theses.



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His research interests include EU socio-economic governance, Europeanization of public policy, Social Europe, Economic and Monetary Union and European integration.

Mario has collected extensive teaching experience since 2015 and teaches courses in Public Policy, EU Public Policy and Statistics at the University of Zagreb. During his time at Uni Zagreb, he innovated several course syllabi to include elements of service learning, student simulations and practical learning. In 2021, he re-introduced the course Europeanization of Public Policy with a fresh syllabus. In 2017, he assisted in the Jean Monnet module on European Integration at CEU, and since 2015 he regularly assists in teaching qualitative data analvsis courses at the ECPR Method School. In 2019 he received the Dirk Berg-Schlosser award for outstanding pedagogy from ECPR.



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Troy Vettese is an environmental historian who specializes in environmental economics, animal studies, and energy history. In 2019 he completed his doctorate in history at New York University. From 2019 to 2021, he worked at Harvard University as a William Lyon Mackenzie King postdoctoral research fellow. He has collaborated with Drew Pendergrass, an environmental engineer, on numerous projects including Half-Earth Socialism (Verso 2022).

Troy is currently revising his dissertation on neoliberal environmental thought into a book, tentatively titled 'Beyond Externality'. In addition to his academic work, Vettese writes on a wide array of environmental topics for a popular audience, and has had essays published in the Guardian, the New Statesman, Jacobin, N+1, Book Forum, and Boston Review.