

DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP OFFER : Anthropology/Sociology

The Politics of the Circulation of Objects Between Europe and Hong Kong (Norbert Elias Center, EHESS Marseille)

Deadline extended to 22 August 2016

Within the framework of the ANR (French National Research Agency) Project VIPOMAR/POLICO (*La Vie Politique des Marchandises/ Political Life of Commodities*) directed by Boris Petric at the Norbert Elias Center, EHESS/CNRS Marseille, France, we have ONE fully funded three year (36 months) doctoral fellowship focused on the political implications of the circulation of collection objects between Europe and Hong Kong.

The research will focus on the transnational market of one type of collection object (to be proposed by the applicant- art object, luxury object, wine, watches, jewelry, etc.). This research should also provide reflection about political spaces and globalization by examining the emergence of Hong Kong as a global hub bringing into question the role of historical places of exchange such as New York, London, and Paris.

The doctoral research project will ideally compare the transformation of the traditional role of Paris or London in the sale of collection objects as well as examining the reconfiguration of actors and institutions provoked by the emerging role of Hong Kong. Through multi-sited ethnographic research in sales rooms, trade fairs, auctions, etc. the candidate will produce a doctoral thesis analyzing how this transnational world is being constructed.

Fellowship conditions

The candidate will be required to spend 20 months in Hong Kong where he or she will be hosted by the CEFC (The French Centre for Research on Contemporary China). Additional collaborations with researchers at the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (HKIHSS) and the University of Hong Kong, especially with the research cluster "Hubs, Mobilities and the Asian Urban" are encouraged.

This fellowship is open to students of any nationality holding a Master 2 or equivalent. An excellent level of spoken and written French is required and the doctoral thesis will be written in French. Beginning 1 October 2016 the candidate will be enrolled in the doctoral program at EHESS Marseille and conduct his research under the guidance of a researcher on the VIPOMAR/POLITICO project (<http://centre-norbert-elias.ehess.fr/index.php?2036>).

The fellowship award will be paid in 36 installments of 1 430 € (net) from 1 October 2016 to 31 September 2019.

Application Procedure

A complete application will include the following three items:

1. A description of proposed doctoral research (maximum 3 pages, **written in French**)
2. CV (in French or in English)
3. 1-2 letters of recommendation from researchers who have worked closely with the candidate (in French or in English)

The application should be sent by email to the following three addresses:

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BEFORE 22 August 2016