

Funded PhD Opportunity

A Social History of the Ebola Epidemics : Ethnography of a Neighbourhood Fieldwork in Guinea

As partners of a European research project aiming at studying the conditions of a more efficient response to the epidemic risk of Ebola hemorrhagic fever in Guinea-Conakry, funded by Horizon 2020, we offer a three-year PhD contract at the prestigious Ecole normale supérieure de Lyon (ENS de Lyon).

The PhD student will join a team of anthropologists to work on a socio-history of the Ebola epidemics, aiming at reporting on the political and social questions raised by the sanitary intervention against Ebola in Guinea-Conakry, based on an ethnography of a neighbourhood and/or a village.

He will describe and analyze the logics and experiences of care and non-care during the epidemics, the forms of mobilization and political expression in the context of the Ebola epidemic crisis, the conflicts of legitimacy that were born in the area of health governance.

Within a team based at ENS de Lyon and composed of another PhD student and a senior researcher, the PhD student will take part in doctoral trainings conduct long-term fieldwork in the Republic of Guinea. His PhD research will be supervised by Prof. Frederic Le Marcis, Professor in Social Anthropology, a specialist in Anthropology of Health and a member of several European and national research projects.

Eligibility

Applications are welcome from qualified EU and international students. Applicants should hold a training in social anthropology but applications from connex disciplines will be considered. A research experience on the African continent and a good command of a vehicular language in Guinea would be assets.

The contract can start on October 1st, 2016 for three years.

How to apply

Your application must include :

- Your CV
- A cover letter telling us why you want to do a PhD, and why this one
- An outline of your proposed research (500 words plus bibliography).

Should you have any question please feel free to contact Hélène Colineau at ENS de Lyon helene.colineau@ens-lyon.fr

Your application must be sent to Hélène Colineau, Deadline October 1st, 2016 (included).

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