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Final Call for Candidates

DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IN TRADE: TRAINING IN LAW AND ECONOMICS (DISSETTLE)

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EARLY STAGE RESEARCHER FELLOWSHIPS

(SHORT TERM FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2014)

*This **final call for candidates** is for researchers to spend three months at one of the participating institutions including a three-week summer school in Geneva in June 2014.*

Applications are invited for Early Stage Researcher Fellowships funded as part of the Marie Curie Initial Training Network DISSETTLE, under the European Commission's Seventh Framework Programme. The DISSETTLE project runs for four years from 1st May 2011 with a first group of Researchers having started in September 2011. The following institutions and professors are involved:

- The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland (Profs. Richard Baldwin and Joost Pauwelyn);
- Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium (Profs. Paola Conconi and André Sapir);
- Bocconi University, Milan, Italy (Profs. Fabrizio Onida and Giorgio Sacerdoti);
- University of St. Gallen, Switzerland (Profs. Simon Evenett and Anne Van Aaken), and
- University of Warsaw, Poland (Profs. Jan Michalek and Joanna Kenig-Witkowska).

Applications are now invited for up to five Early-Stage Researchers to join the Geneva node of the network for a three-month period in Summer 2014 (ideally beginning in April or May, with the exact starting date being negotiable).

Three-month positions may also become available at other nodes for a similar period.

All DISSETTLE researchers would be expected to attend the two-week Summer School in Geneva.

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Background to the DISSETTLE Network

DISSETTLE trains a cohort of economists and lawyers to work together on dispute resolution. It focuses on disputes under WTO agreements, but also deals with regional and bilateral trade and investment agreements.

The relationship between economics and law in international trade disputes is complex. Writing, understanding, interpreting and applying the WTO agreements is a two-discipline (lawyer/economist) job. It can be expected that the use of economics in trade and investment disputes will evolve in the same way as competition law, where economic input was limited in early cases but has, over time, become increasingly important. Nowadays it is customary for economists and lawyers to work together on competition law cases and many trade and investment experts expect a similar evolution to occur with trade and investment disputes.

The DISSETTLE Research Programme

The DISSETTLE network carries out research on three channels through which quantitative economic methods have been used in the past in WTO and investment disputes:

1. **Arbitration**: the calculation and design of trade sanctions; damages calculation in investor-state disputes
2. The definition of **subsidies** and claims of serious prejudice under the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and the Agreement on Agriculture.
3. The definition of **competitive** or substitutable products in WTO agreements.

The network also explores two other, more general but equally important issues:

4. The role of economics in WTO law and in **competition law** cases: parallels and differences.
5. Other **unexplored applications** of economics in WTO and investor-state disputes, such as the impact of health and environmental issues in trade and investment disputes.

Applicants are required to work in one or more of the above research areas and are particularly invited to submit proposals on "unexplored applications".

The DISSETTLE training programme

The DISSETTLE training programme for these positions will include the following elements:

- A two-week summer school, to be held in Geneva from June16th to June 27th, 2014.
- Collaboration with researchers from other disciplines for a case-note concerning issues of law and economics in trade dispute settlement.
- Opportunity to attend relevant classes at the Graduate Institute.
- Opportunity to work on, and obtain feedback for a paper on the DISSETTLE research topics.
- Possibility to receive additional specialized training, including on complementary skills.

Profile of successful applicants

Successful applicants are likely to have the following profile:

- Currently enrolled on masters or PhD degree; or recently completed Master's degree in law or economics.

- Have a genuine and demonstrated interest in DISSETTLE research topics. A proven track of research in one of these areas is not a pre-requisite, but the link between DISSETTLE and research interests of the applicant should be clearly explained in the motivation letter.

Conditions

Eligibility

Marie Curie Fellows on the DISSETTLE programme must satisfy the following criteria.

Timeline conditions: Early-Stage Researchers (ESR) are those who are in the first four years of their research careers. Specifically, they must be within the first 4 years (full-time equivalent) of their research career since gaining a university diploma giving access to doctoral studies (only full years doing research, not time spent in non-research jobs or on leave, count toward the 4 years maximum).

Mobility condition for Marie Curie Fellows: researchers may not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to their recruitment. For example, the Graduate Institute in Geneva can hire a researcher as an ESR provided that the person did not spend 12 months in Switzerland during the last three years.

Additional criteria

Work permit conditions: the positions in Switzerland are open to the following:

- Swiss nationals;
- European nationals; and
- Students from third countries resident in Switzerland for more than six months at the time of recruitment.

Applicants must also fulfil the mobility condition above in a way that can be readily and clearly demonstrated (for instance, providing copies of residence permits or other relevant documents).

Training Status: Successful applicants would be awarded a three-month, full-time employment contracts; it is expected that researchers would dedicate their whole time to DISSETTLE activities and would not be receiving funding from other sources during the period of the fellowship.

Conditions for Early Stage Researcher Fellowships

- The length of individual appointments will be three months.
- The basic gross salary for the Early Stage Researcher Fellowships is in the region of 3,000€/month; plus travel allowance.
- Fellows are expected to commit to the network full time during their appointment.

How to apply

Interested candidates must send a **single PDF** document (no more than 3 pages) containing a letter of motivation, a CV, and details of up to 3 referees to: dissettle@graduateinstitute.ch and ctei@graduateinstitute.ch.

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Deadline for applications

5th March 2014. Applications will be reviewed by 6th March 2014. Applicants are advised to apply early.

Enquiries

Informal enquiries may be addressed to: dissettle@graduateinstitute.ch and ctei@graduateinstitute.ch Answers of general interest may be published in the form of FAQ on http://www.dissettle.org/faq .

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