



## VACANCY FOR POST-GRADUATE RESEARCHER

**Project title:** TOLERACE - The semantics of tolerance and (anti-)racism in Europe: Public bodies and civil society on a comparative perspective

**Funding:** 7th Framework Programme – European Commission (Call SSH-2009-3.3.1; Ref. 244633)

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) of the University of Coimbra (Portugal) ([www.ces.uc.pt](http://www.ces.uc.pt)) is offering a 3 years grant for a post-graduate researcher, within the European project 'The semantics of tolerance and (anti-)racism in Europe: Public bodies and civil society on a comparative perspective', which started in 1 March 2010 and is coordinated by Professor Boaventura de Sousa Santos. Other participating teams include: University of Leeds (UK), University of Seville (Spain), University of the Basque Country (Spain), Danish National Centre for Social Research (Denmark) and Viadrina European University Frankfurt (Germany).

CES is looking for a post-graduate researcher in the Social Sciences and Humanities, preferably with academic experience and/or a Master's degree in the areas of (anti-)racism, critical race theories and postcolonial studies, the politics of identity and difference.

The post-graduate researcher will work on the Portuguese context, on a comparative perspective with other European participants within the project. An interest in the spheres of education and employment will be welcome.

The TOLERACE project proposes a contextualised comparative analysis that seeks to explore how the different meanings given to (anti-)racism and tolerance are embedded in wider ideas and discourses on citizenship and identity in different European contexts. Three comparative analytical strategies will be followed: (i) Critical analysis of public policies and campaigns on diversity, anti-racism and tolerance; (ii) Empirical analysis of regional/local cases in each national context, focusing on two life spheres – education and employment; (iii) The role of the media in the construction of public issues related to racism.

The candidate we are looking for should preferably meet the following criteria:

- A Master's degree (or equivalent academic experience) or a PhD degree in the Social Sciences and Humanities;
- Proven interest and familiarity with current debates, in European contexts, on (anti-)racism, critical race theories and postcolonial studies, the politics of identity and difference;



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- Proven experience in in-depth interviews or other qualitative fieldwork (such as focus groups and participatory workshops);
- Excellent skills in spoken and written Portuguese and English. Additional languages are welcome;
- Communication skills and ability to team work, given the international and multidisciplinary features of the project.

**Conditions offered:**

One year grant – renewed every year until the end of the project – with a monthly net payment of 1.200 Euros (postgraduate or PhD student) or 1.600 Euros (post-doctoral researcher).

A dynamic scientific environment, regular participation in conferences and seminars and access to libraries, including CES's 'North/South Library'.

**Application:**

All candidates meeting the required criteria are invited to submit their application, including:

1. Letter of motivation (between 500 and 700 words).
2. CV (maximum 10 pages).
3. Transcript of grades (Bachelors, Master and PhD degrees).
4. One reference letter and the name and address of a second referee.
5. Copies of publications, papers submitted for publication or essays in the topics addressed by the project.

The deadline for submitting your application is 1st April 2010.

Pre-selected candidates may be contacted for an interview, to take place in Coimbra.

Starting date: May 2010

Please send your application to:

A/c Professor Boaventura de Sousa Santos

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