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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – 15 PhD positions for Early Stage Researchers

European Joint Doctorate (EJD) ADAPTED

Eradicating Poverty: Pathways towards Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

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The ADAPTED consortium

The EJD ADAPTED is a consortium of European Universities, important internationally active European development organisations and think tanks and six African partner universities. Within ADAPTED,

- the European universities – including Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany (coordinator), Erasmus University Rotterdam and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands, Boğaziçi University, Turkey, and Centre National de Recherche Scientifique in partnership with Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, France – will host the ESRs, direct their research, organise training and implement the European Joint Doctorate based on project-specific binational agreements (cotutelles de these),
- the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungs GmbH (DEG) and the Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO) host selected ESRs during non-academic secondments and add to the intersectoral relevance of the research done within the consortium while the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) provides ESRs with advice and training on the dissemination of research output and acts as a global dissemination platform for the ESRs,
- researchers from six cooperating African partner universities, including the University of the Western Cape and the University of Cape Town (South Africa), Bahir Dar University (Ethiopia), University of Development Studies (Ghana), Moi University (Kenya), and University of Douala (Cameroon), will supervise ESRs during field work, provide them with access to local actors and to locally available data sets and link them to the non-academic sector in the fieldwork countries.

The ADAPTED research and training programme

The **Overarching Aim** of the EJD ADAPTED is to deliver high-level training with intersectoral relevance in

- validating pathways towards poverty eradication,
- analysing interactions between poverty reduction and other policy areas
- and optimising the impact of poverty reduction policies

to high achieving early stage researchers (ESRs) to bridge the existing knowledge gap in understanding poverty dynamics and by equipping the ESRs with a unique skills portfolio that is equally attractive for research institutions, development organisations and internationally active firms.

ADAPTED will implement the empirical components of its research programme with a clear but non-exclusive focus on countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. The EJD's **research programme** is organised in three work packages (WP) that address the following broad research areas:

- **WP 1: Validating Pathways:** We want to investigate how effective different growth- and social protection-oriented policies are in improving poverty-related outcomes, given the large heterogeneity of low- and middle-income countries and the differences in the target groups that these policies are able to reach. (5 PhD positions).
- **WP 2: Analysing Interactions:** Poverty reduction-related policies are not implemented in a policy vacuum. Usually they are implemented side by side in settings, which are characterised by the existence of a multitude of other policies, which serve purposes other than poverty reduction. We therefore want to study poverty-related trade-offs and co-benefits within different growth- and social protection-oriented policy frameworks on the one hand, and between them and other policies on the other hand for deriving recommendations towards a policy mix responsive to poverty reduction. (5 PhD positions).
- **WP 3: Optimising Impact:** We want to identify mechanisms that increase the relevance and the quality of delivery of social protection schemes, which allow for an improved coordination of fragmented social policies,

and support the design and implementation of poverty reduction-related policies in neopatrimonial environments. (5 PhD positions).

The **ADAPTED training programme** combines local doctoral training offers at the beneficiary organisations with high-level network-wide training and training through secondments. The programme includes the training of core research skills acquired via the individual research project, modules on advanced research skills delivered by the consortium and transferable skills training offered by local graduate schools and during secondments with practice partners.

Eligibility and selection criteria

General eligibility criteria:	Recruiting is in accordance with the European rules of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie ITN regulations for Early Stage Researchers (ESRs). Applicants can be of any nationality but must not have resided or carried out any main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the recruiting university for more than 12 months in the last 3 years prior to being recruited as ESR. In addition, applicants must have less than 4 years of postgraduate research experience at the time of recruitment.
General selection criteria:	Applicants shall demonstrate a proven interest in interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral research as well as a specific interest in the ADAPTED research areas as evidenced by the application documents. The following requirements are to be met: (1) a previous degree from a recognized university which qualifies for doctoral studies, (2) graded at least upper 2nd or equivalent, (3) in a subject relevant for the planned doctoral studies (Economics, Social or Political Science, Law, and related relevant disciplines), proved by submission of degree certificates and transcripts, (4) English language proficiency proof for non-native speakers equivalent to CEFR level C1 (IELTS 7) or above.
Specific selection criteria	Specific selection criteria for individual ESR projects are detailed in the respective project description below. Please also make yourself familiar with specific offers for ESRs and procedures at the respective recruiting institution. Relevant information is provided in individual ESR offers.

Documents to be submitted

- Motivation letter (max. 2 pages) which includes a statement explaining the interest in the particular ESR project the application is referring to (1st priority ESR). Applicants interested in more than just one ESR project should share this information in the motivation letter by indicating a 2nd and max. 3rd priority.
- Current CV (please use the [Europass template](#))
- Certified copies of relevant university degree certificates and related detailed transcripts of records.
- Recognised English language proficiency certificate (equivalent to CEFR level C1 = TOEFL 94, IELTS 7)
- Short literature review (4-5 pages) linked to the topic of the ESR project which is the 1st priority of the applicant.
- At least two academic recommendation letters
- Copy of the passport valid at least until the end of 2021. Applicants with two or more nationalities can use just one passport and apply only once.

Application deadline and related information

- Please submit your application electronically (one pdf-file) by email to adapted@rub.de
- Non-extendable deadline for applications is 31.03.2021 at 23:00 pm (GET).
- Applicants shortlisted for telephone interviews will be notified by 30.04.2021
- Telephone/video interviews will take place during the first half of May.
- All applicants will receive notifications about the results of the ADAPTED selection procedure by 15.05.2021.
- Offer letters will be sent until 15.06.2021.
- The recruitment procedure will close and the EJD programme will start on 01.09.2021.

Benefits:

ADAPTED is committed to offer equal opportunities and therefore seeks to recruit a gender balanced group of ESRs. It further aims to support Early Stage Researchers through a family friendly working environment. This is in line with benefits offered by the MSCA programme, which offers highly competitive and attractive salary and working conditions.

Successful candidates will be offered a **full-time position for a duration of 36 months**. In accordance with the MSCA regulations for ESRs the salary includes the following elements:

- **Living allowance:** basic, gross amount before taxation and compulsory deductions for contributions to social insurance schemes according to national law. The basic amount of the living allowance is EUR 3 270 per month. To ensure equal treatment and purchasing power parity, this amount is then adjusted through the application of a correction coefficient based on the country in which the ESR will be recruited.
- **Mobility allowance** of EUR 600 per month
- **Family allowance** of EUR 500 per month for ESRs who have a family (persons linked to the researcher by marriage or a relationship with equivalent status to a marriage recognised by the legislation of the country where this relationship was formalised or dependent children who are actually being maintained by the researcher) at the time of recruitment.

Open ESR positions

Reference No.:	ESR 1
Title:	The Effect of Foreign Direct Investment and Official Development Assistance on Job Creation and Poverty Reduction
Objectives:	The PhD project investigates how to integrate job creation and poverty reduction in developing countries into models of economic growth and identifies the different transmission channels that may exist between foreign direct investment and official development assistance on the one hand and job creation, poverty reduction and economic growth on the other. The project will empirically test the suggested transmission channels using panel data regressions and will contrast the results with estimations based on extended neoclassical growth models. Data sources: WDI, PWT, Conference Board, OECD.
Recruiting University:	Ruhr University Bochum (RUB), Germany
Partner University:	Centre National de Recherche Scientifique , University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne (UP1), France
Research Directors:	Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Löwenstein (Institute of Development Research and Development Policy , RUB), Prof. Dr. Rémi Bazillier (Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne UP1, Centre National de Recherche Scientifique)
Secondments:	The project involves a strong collaboration between the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy, RUB, and the Centre National de Recherche Scientifique/ Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne at UP1 and includes mandatory research stays of the ESR in Paris for six months in total. An additional six-month secondment is planned for with Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungs GmbH (DEG) in Cologne, Germany.
Specific selection criteria for this ESR position:	The successful candidate has completed an internationally recognised Masters' programme in economics with an above-average GPA and excellent marks in economic theory as well as in econometrics. Specialisations in growth economics and panel data analysis during the Masters' would be an advantage. Previous exposure to development economics and familiarity with development finance would be an additional plus.
Specific information regarding the recruiting university:	RUB offers a topping-up of allowances financed by the EU to allow for payment according to the salary scale for scientific staff (TVL 13). The ESR will be a member of the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy of RUB and of the RUB Research School .

Reference No.:	ESR 2
Title:	Mining and Poverty – A focus on artisanal mining and on CSR in industrial mining
Objectives:	The first objective is to explore the effects of artisanal mining on living standards and poverty. Using geo-localized data on households, the goal is to provide solid evidence of

	the effects of such activities on living standards and poverty at the local level. The second objective is to focus on Corporate Social Responsibility of industrial mining. The analysis requires the evaluation of different CSR policies of large mining firms and the exploration of the local effects based on geo-localized household data sets. A legal analysis will be conducted, focusing on working conditions and the legal framework applying to different mining companies. The empirical analysis would be focused on Burkina Faso, Ghana and South Africa.
Recruiting University:	Centre National de Recherche Scientifique , University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne (UP1), France
Partner University:	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU Amsterdam), Netherlands
Research Directors:	Prof. Dr. Rémi Bazillier (Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne UP1, Centre National de Recherche Scientifique) Prof. Dr. Marjo de Theije (Faculty of Social Sciences, Social and Cultural Anthropology, VU Amsterdam)
Secondments:	The project involves a strong collaboration between the Centre National de Recherche Scientifique/ Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne at UP1 and VU Amsterdam and includes mandatory research stays of the ESR in Amsterdam for six months in total. Further secondments are planned at the Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO) , Netherlands (3 months) and as field research periods in Africa (1,5 months each), supervised by the University of Douala (Cameroon) and the University of Cape Town (South Africa).
Specific selection criteria for this ESR position:	The successful candidate has completed an internationally recognised Masters' programme in economics with above-average GPA and excellent marks in econometrics. Specialisations in development economics during the Masters' would be an advantage. The candidate should have solid knowledge in econometrics software (Stata or R). Knowledge in geo-localized data and software (QGIS) would be an additional plus.

Reference No.:	ESR 3
Title:	Effectiveness of social protection in fighting poverty
Objectives:	The PhD project will examine the determinants of effectiveness of social protection programmes in fighting poverty based on an extended literature survey. Kenya and Ghana serve as empirical case studies. Among other aspects, the project will focus on gender and inter-generational inequalities and how they are affected through social protection schemes. The researcher will select cases of social protection programmes that were successful and compare them with unsuccessful ones in order to identify the factors that lead to success operationalized as effectiveness in reducing poverty levels and increasing the well-being levels of the targeted populations.
Recruiting University:	Boğaziçi University (BOUN), Turkey
Partner University:	Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR), Netherlands
Research Directors:	Prof. Dr. Fikret Adaman (Department of Economics , BOUN), Prof. Dr. Andrew Fischer (International Institute of Social Studies , EUR)
Secondments:	The project involves a strong collaboration between Boğaziçi University and the International Institute of Social Studies of EUR and therefore includes mandatory research stays of the ESR in The Hague for six months in total. Further secondments are planned as field research periods in Africa (3 months each), supervised by Moi University (Kenya) and the University for Development Studies (Ghana).
Specific selection criteria for this ESR position:	The successful candidate has completed an internationally recognised Masters' programme in social sciences with an above-average GPA. The candidate should have written a thesis during the MA program. Specialisation in social policies, poverty-eradication, income redistribution and gender would be an advantage.
Specific information regarding the recruiting	Please refer to https://pols.boun.edu.tr/graduate for specific requirements and procedures for ESR candidates applying for positions at Boğaziçi University.

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Reference No.:	ESR 4
Title:	Labour regulation and economic performance in SSA
Objectives:	<p>Labour regulations are likely to have strong effects both on the formal and informal economy. We are interested in their effects on workers (wages, employment, occupation, etc.) and firms (productivity, sales, exports, etc.). Rapid development of micro-databases on employment (labour force surveys) or firms (enterprise surveys) allows for the exploration of new dimensions of the economic effects of labour regulations. We are specifically interested in the effects minimum wages, social protection or employment protection bring about for workers and firms. A specific focus can be made on possible spillover effects on the informal economy.</p> <p>The first goal will be to review different labour market institutions in Sub-Saharan countries. An exhaustive review of policy changes in these three dimensions (minimum wage, social protection and employment protection) should be made. The objective is then to conduct different empirical studies focusing on specific institutions and/or specific countries. Micro-Macro analyses can be used to assess the effects within and between countries simultaneously.</p>
Recruiting University:	Centre National de Recherche Scientifique , University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne (UP1), France
Partner University:	Ruhr University Bochum (RUB), Germany
Research Directors:	<p>Prof. Dr. Rémi Bazillier (Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne UP1, Centre National de Recherche Scientifique)</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Löwenstein (Institute of Development Research and Development Policy, RUB)</p>
Secondments:	<p>The project involves a strong collaboration between the Centre National de Recherche Scientifique/ Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne at UP1 and the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy at RUB and includes mandatory research stays of the ESR in Bochum for six months in total.</p> <p>Further secondments are planned at Agence Française de Développement (3 months) and as field research periods (1,5 months each) supervised by the University of Cape Town (South Africa) and Bahir Dar University (Ethiopia)</p>
Specific selection criteria for this ESR position:	The successful candidate has completed an internationally recognised Masters' programme in economics with above-average GPA and excellent marks in econometrics. Specialisations in development economics and labour economics during the Masters' would be an advantage. The candidate should have solid knowledge in econometrics software (Stata or R). Knowledge in geo-localized data and software (QGIS) would be an additional plus.

Reference No.:	ESR 5
Title:	Universal health coverage in West Africa
Objectives:	One of the Targets of SDG 3 for 2030 is to achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and to safe, effective and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all. Knowing if social protection saves lives and prevents from poverty (avoiding catastrophic expenditure) and inequalities is crucial in a context of increased inequalities. The value for money of universal health coverage programmes (versus other social programmes) will be given a particular attention. The research will focus on selected African countries. Data from the introduction of new social programmes and universal health programmes will be collected in order to make comparative analysis and identify factors increasing the value for money of such programs in terms of poverty reduction or of protecting the poor and the vulnerable.
Recruiting University:	Centre National de Recherche Scientifique , University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne (UP1),

	France
Partner University:	Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR), Netherlands
Research Directors:	Prof. Dr. Josselin Thuilliez (Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne UP1), Prof. Dr. Arjun Bedi (International Institute of Social Studies , EUR)
Secondments:	The project involves a strong collaboration between the Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne at UP1 and the International Institute of Social Studies of EUR and therefore includes mandatory research stays of the ESR in The Hague for six months in total. A six-month secondment for field research is planned and supervised by the University for Development Studies (Ghana).
Specific selection criteria for this ESR position:	The successful candidate has completed an internationally recognised Masters' programme in economics with above-average GPA and excellent marks in econometrics. Specialisations in development economics and health/population economics during the Masters' would be an advantage. The candidate should have solid knowledge in econometrics software (Stata or R). Knowledge in geo-localized data and software (QGIS) would be an additional plus.

Reference No.:	ESR 6
Title:	A political ecology approach in evaluating the development agenda: The cases of Ghana and Kenya
Objectives:	The PhD project will examine the implications of existing growth-led paradigms in drafting the development agenda in two African states: Ghana and Kenya. The project will analyse how existing growth-led development paradigms are translated into practice in the form of development planning and projects. The PhD project will adopt a political ecology perspective incorporating resource allocation, power and justice in assessing the extent to which the development agenda of the selected countries offers an approach that not only focus on income growth but also on environmental goods and bads and on their distribution. This will also speak to potential tensions between economic growth and environmental sustainability among various SDGs. The student is expected to carry out fieldwork in both countries and examine a selection of development projects as well as carry out interviews with government officials and experts.
Recruiting University:	Boğaziçi University (BOUN), Turkey
Partner University:	Centre National de Recherche Scientifique , University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne (UP1), France
Research Directors:	Prof. Dr. Zeynep Kadirbeyoğlu (Department of Political Science and International Relations BOUN), Prof. Dr. Bruno Tinel (Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne , UP1)
Secondments:	The project involves a strong collaboration between the Political Science and International Relations Department of Boğaziçi University and the Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne at UP1 and t and therefore includes mandatory research stays of the ESR in Paris for six months in total. A six-month secondment for field research in Kenya and Ghana is planned and supervised by the University for Development Studies (Ghana).
Specific selection criteria for this ESR position:	The successful candidate has completed an internationally recognised Masters' programme in social sciences, preferably Political Science, Economics, and Sociology, with an above-average GPA. The candidate should have written a thesis during the MA program. Exposure to Environment and Politics or Political Ecology during the Masters' Program would be an advantage.
Specific information regarding the recruiting university:	Please refer to https://pols.boun.edu.tr/graduate for specific requirements and procedures for ESR candidates applying for positions at Boğaziçi University.

Reference No.:	ESR 7
Title:	Costs/benefits of climate policies in the context of informal economies
Objectives:	Given the increasing awareness of climate change and the growing concern about potential negative consequences of a temperature increase beyond +2°C above pre-industrial levels, countries around the globe adopted the climate agreement in Paris in 2015. In anticipation, countries published their (Intended) Nationally Determined Contributions that outlined the climate actions they intended to take post-2020. To support these actions, some countries – mostly developed – have started to implement climate policies (such as carbon pricing). Experiences from high-income countries show that climate policies (are likely to) have significant impacts on economic activity. Policymakers in developed economies can now take stock of what policies have been successful (or co-benefiting) in terms of reducing CO2 emissions, on the one hand, and economic development (economic growth, inequalities, financial stability, etc.) on the other. However, these conclusions do not apply to low-income countries, as these economies are structurally different. In SSA, informal markets represent a significant part of total economic activities. Therefore, as opposed to developed countries, simulating the <i>ex-ante</i> costs/benefits of different climate policies would require the modelling of informal markets in an integrated macroeconomic model together with environmental feedback. The main objective is to study the costs/benefits of well-designed climate policies in the context of developing economies characterized by significant informal markets.
Recruiting University:	Centre National de Recherche Scientifique , University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne (UP1), France
Partner University:	Ruhr-University Bochum (RUB), Germany
Research Directors:	Prof. Dr. Mathilde Maurel (Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne UP1, Centre National de Recherche Scientifique) Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Löwenstein (Institute of Development Research and Development Policy , RUB)
Secondments:	The project involves a strong collaboration between the Centre National de Recherche Scientifique/ Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne at UP1 and the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy at RUB and includes mandatory research stays of the ESR in Bochum for six months in total. Further secondments are planned at Agence Française de Développement (3 months) and as field research period (3 months) supervised by the University of Cape Town (South Africa).
Specific selection criteria for this ESR position:	The successful candidate has completed an internationally recognised Masters' programme in economics with an above-average GPA and excellent marks in economic theory. Specialisations in modelling and simulation would be an advantage. Previous exposure to development economics and familiarity with panel data analyses would be an additional plus.

Reference No.:	ESR 8
Title:	An analysis of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) of African countries under the Paris climate agreement and how these NDCs relate to SDG1
Objectives:	The objectives of the project are to analyse Kenyan and South African NDCs in a comparative perspective and how they relate to SDG1, to assess possible synergies and conflicts among NDCs and SDG 1, and to develop concrete management options for improving positive feedback between NDC implementation and delivering SDG1. A special focus will be on the interaction of various policy-levels, including the national and local. The project will include a desk-based assessment of the Kenyan and South Africa NDCs; a survey of national, regional and local-level policy-makers and their awareness of interactions between climate change policies and SDG1; case studies on local climate actions and their interaction with SDG policies.
Recruiting University:	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU Amsterdam), Netherlands

Partner University:	Centre National de Recherche Scientifique , University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne (UP1), France
Research Directors:	Prof. Dr. Philipp Pattberg (Faculty of Science, Environmental Policy Analysis , VU Amsterdam), Prof. Dr. Mathilde Maurel (Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne UP1, Centre National de Recherche Scientifique)
Secondments:	The project involves a strong collaboration between VU Amsterdam and the Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne at UP1 and therefore includes mandatory research stays of the ESR in Paris for six months in total. Further secondments are planned at Agence Française de Développement (3 months) and as field research periods (1,5 months each) supervised by the University of Cape Town (South Africa) and Moi University (Kenya).
Specific selection criteria for this ESR position:	The successful candidate has completed an internationally recognised Masters' programme in political science or International Relations with an above-average GPA. Specialisations in environmental politics and/or climate change governance during the Masters' would be an advantage. Previous exposure to international development, the Sustainable Development Goals and familiarity with the case study regions is a plus.
Specific information regarding the recruiting university:	More information regarding working at VU is provided at https://workingat.vu.nl/home .

Reference No.:	ESR 9
Title:	Mobilising international law for cross-border tax justice
Objectives:	This project investigates the way in which international law shapes the relationship between states' human rights obligations with regard to achieving the SDG's and their tax policies. Its aim is to understand how international law does not only constrain state action in order to protect the human rights of individuals, but is simultaneously implicated in maintaining a system that undermines the effective and progressive realisation of these rights. The project contributes to a better understanding of the way in which extra-territorial obligations of developed states to respect, protect and fulfil socio-economic rights of persons living in developing states can be operationalised in order to end poverty, promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, and reduce inequality within and amongst countries.
Recruiting University:	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU Amsterdam), Netherlands
Partner University:	Ruhr-University Bochum , Germany
Research Directors:	Prof. Dr. Galina Cornelisse (Kooijmans Institute for Law and Governance , VU Amsterdam) Prof. Dr. Markus Kaltenborn , (Institute of Development Research and Development Policy , RUB)
Secondments:	The project involves a strong collaboration between VU Amsterdam and the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy at RUB and therefore includes mandatory research stays of the ESR in Bochum for six months in total. Further secondments are planned at the Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations, SOMO (3 months) and as field research period (3 months) supervised by Moi University (Kenya).
Specific selection criteria for this ESR position:	The successful candidate has completed an internationally recognised Masters' programme or a comparable university programme in Law with an above-average GPA. Specialisations in international law or transnational law would be an advantage. Familiarity with international tax law and/or human rights law would be an additional plus.
Specific information regarding the recruiting university:	More information regarding working at VU is provided at https://workingat.vu.nl/home

Reference No.:	ESR 10
Title:	The effects of governmentally enforced minimum wages on formal sector employment
Objectives:	Based on the growth model for partially formalised economies, the PhD project will model and empirically test the transmission channels between minimum wages and formal sector job creation/employment and between formal sector job creation, economic growth and poverty reduction. Empirical testing will be based on panel data from SSA countries as well as on a case study from Ethiopia using time series. In the context of the case study, the PhD project will in addition carry out a labour survey to determine the employment status of the surveyed workers, distinguishing between employment in the formal sector and in the shadow economy, and informal employment.
Recruiting University:	Ruhr-University Bochum (RUB), Germany
Partner University:	Centre National de Recherche Scientifique , University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne (UP1), France
Research Directors:	Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Löwenstein (Institute of Development Research and Development Policy , RUB), Prof. Dr. Rémi Bazillier (Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne UP1, Centre National de Recherche Scientifique)
Secondments:	The project involves a strong collaboration between the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy at RUB and the Centre National de Recherche Scientifique/ Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne at UP1 and includes mandatory research stays of the ESR in Paris for six months in total. Further secondments are planned at Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungs GmbH (DEG) in Cologne, Germany (3 months) and as field research period (3 months) supervised by Bahir Dar University (Ethiopia).
Specific selection criteria for this ESR position:	The successful candidate has completed an internationally recognised Masters' programme in Economics with an above-average GPA and excellent marks in economic theory as well as in econometrics. Specialisations in growth economics or labour economics and panel data or time series analysis during the Masters' would be an advantage. Previous exposure to development economics would be an additional plus.
Specific information regarding the recruiting university:	RUB offers a topping-up of allowances financed by the EU to allow for payment according to the salary scale for scientific staff (TVL 13). The ESR will be a member of the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy of RUB and of the RUB Research School .

Reference No.:	ESR 11
Title:	Rights-based social assistance schemes
Objectives:	This project aims at comparing different legal mechanisms, which are used to implement the rights-based approach-principles "participation" and "accountability" in the context of social assistance schemes. In Latin America and SSA in particular, numerous cash transfer systems have recently been developed which can make a significant contribution to the implementation of SDG1. A prerequisite for the sustainable and effective implementation of these social programmes, however, is that the people concerned have sufficient opportunities for participation and that they can effectively complain about deficits in programme implementation. The comparison of several social assistance schemes will show which are the advantages and disadvantages of individual design options.
Recruiting University:	Ruhr-University Bochum (RUB), Germany
Partner University:	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU Amsterdam), Netherlands
Research Directors:	Prof. Dr. Markus Kaltenborn (Institute of Development Research and Development Policy , RUB) Prof. Dr. Galina Cornelisse (Kooijmans Institute for Law and Governance , VU Amsterdam)

Secondments:	<p>The project involves a strong collaboration between the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy at RUB and VU Amsterdam and therefore includes mandatory research stays of the ESR in Amsterdam for six months in total.</p> <p>Further secondments are planned as field research periods (3 months each), supervised by Bahir Dar University (Ethiopia) and University for Development Studies (Ghana).</p>
Specific selection criteria for this ESR position:	<p>The successful candidate has completed an internationally recognised Masters' programme or a comparable university programme in Law or in Political Science with an above-average GPA. Specialisations in social security law, comparative law and/or social policy would be an advantage. Familiarity with the governance of social protection systems would be an additional plus.</p>
Specific information regarding the recruiting university:	<p>RUB offers a topping-up of allowances financed by the EU to allow for payment according to the salary scale for scientific staff (TVL 13).</p> <p>The ESR will be a member of the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy of RUB and of the RUB Research School.</p>

Reference No.:	ESR 12
Title:	Building coherent social protection systems
Objectives:	<p>Numerous studies of the social systems of low- and middle-income countries have described that the fragmentation of social policy, in particular the lack of coordination and coherence between the individual subsystems, has led to major implementation problems. Frequently, different institutions supervise the various social programmes and the requirements for social benefits are formulated or interpreted differently. This makes it difficult for the beneficiaries, who are often addressees of several programmes, to find the right contacts and to understand the structures of the support they receive. These problems are even further intensified if neighbouring policy areas (e.g. labour market policy, child protection, public health) are not adequately coordinated with social policy. In some countries, the coordination of the different social protection areas is carried out by a so-called framework law, setting out general rules that apply uniformly to all social protection areas or containing provisions on institutions that are interdepartmentally involved in the coordination, implementation or control of the various social policy programmes. The project will investigate these and other examples of frameworks, which facilitate coordination and coherence in social protection systems.</p>
Recruiting University:	Ruhr-University Bochum (RUB), Germany
Partner University:	Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR), Netherlands
Research Directors:	<p>Prof. Dr. Markus Kaltenborn (Institute of Development Research and Development Policy, RUB)</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Andrew Fischer (International Institute of Social Studies, EUR)</p>
Secondments:	<p>The project involves a strong collaboration between the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy at RUB and the International Institute of Social Studies of EUR and therefore includes mandatory research stays of the ESR in The Hague for six months in total.</p> <p>Further secondments are planned as field research periods (3 months each) in Africa, supervised by the University for Development Studies (Ghana), and the University of the Western Cape (South Africa).</p>
Specific selection criteria for this ESR position:	<p>The successful candidate has completed an internationally recognised Masters' programme or a comparable university programme in Law or in Political Science with an above-average GPA. Specialisations in social security law, comparative law and/or social policy would be an advantage. Familiarity with the governance of social protection systems would be an additional plus.</p>
Specific information regarding the recruiting university:	<p>RUB offers a topping-up of allowances financed by the EU to allow for payment according to the salary scale for scientific staff (TVL 13).</p> <p>The ESR will be a member of the Institute of Development Research and Development</p>

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Reference No.:	ESR 13
Title:	Demand for good governance and policy access for the poor
Objectives:	Various development agencies, including the World Bank, have advocated the implementation of strategies aimed at 'demand for good governance'. Reflected among others in the emphasis on ownership and accountability in the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, activities have been initiated that focused on the aim to strengthening citizens' groups and other civil-society organisations to 'demand' governance reform from their governments. This ESR project will identify initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa for strengthening citizens' demand for effective public service delivery and accountability, including through mechanisms such as citizen scorecards related to the performance of government officials, participatory public expenditure management, citizens' budget tracking initiatives, et cetera. The project will investigate which demand-side initiatives have been successful and will focus on a number of case studies to investigate more in detail why certain initiatives led to greater access to policy-making for the poor while others failed.
Recruiting University:	Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR), Netherlands
Partner University:	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU Amsterdam), Netherlands
Research Directors:	Prof. Dr. Wil Hout (International Institute of Social Studies , EUR) Prof. Dr. Azza Karam (VU Amsterdam)
Secondments:	The project involves a strong collaboration between the International Institute of Social Studies of EUR and VU Amsterdam and therefore includes mandatory research stays of the ESR in Amsterdam for six months in total. Further secondments are planned as field research periods (3 months each) in Africa, supervised by the University of the Western Cape (South Africa), and Bahir Dar University (Ethiopia).
Specific selection criteria for this ESR position:	The successful candidate has completed an internationally recognised Masters' programme in Political Science or another relevant social science degree with an above-average GPA. The candidate has a strong background in (comparative) social science methods along with a demonstrated interest in governance, development and poverty (shown, for instance, in the Masters' thesis), while experience in/with developing country contexts would be an advantage. Knowledge of the work of international development agencies and field work experience in sub-Saharan Africa would be an additional plus.

Reference No.:	ESR 14
Title:	Neopatrimonialism, pockets of effectiveness and policy making for the poor
Objectives:	Neopatrimonialism is normally understood as a governance arrangement whereby the instruments of the state are used to further the private or political interests of those in power. The core assumption of neopatrimonial theory is that policies are instruments to reward supporters of the incumbent power-holders. Therefore, their impact on economic growth and job creation is limited or outright negative. The literature on pockets of effectiveness has emphasised how and under which conditions initiatives aimed at providing collective goods may be implemented successfully. This ESR project will identify local initiatives in Sub-Saharan African neopatrimonial environments aimed at pro-poor policy making and job creation, and will investigate whether and to what extent such initiatives have been successful. The project will focus on a limited number of case studies to do more in-depth research on the features that make pockets of effectiveness work for the poor.
Recruiting University:	Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR), Netherlands
Partner University:	Ruhr-University Bochum (RUB), Germany
Research Directors:	Prof. Dr. Wil Hout (International Institute of Social Studies , EUR) Prof. Dr. Christof Hartmann (University Duisburg-Essen, Associated Member of the Institute

	of Development Research and Development Policy , RUB)
Secondments:	<p>The project involves a strong collaboration between the International Institute of Social Studies of EUR and the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy at RUB and therefore includes mandatory research stays of the ESR in Bochum for six months in total.</p> <p>Further secondments are planned as field research periods (3 months each) in Africa, supervised by the University for Development Studies (Ghana) and the University of the Western Cape (South Africa).</p>
Specific selection criteria for this ESR position:	The successful candidate has completed an internationally recognised Masters' programme in Political Science or another relevant social science degree with an above-average GPA. The candidate has a strong background in (comparative) social science methods along with a demonstrated interest in governance, development and poverty (shown, for instance, in the Masters' thesis), while experience in/with developing country contexts would be an advantage. Field work experience in sub-Saharan Africa would be an additional plus.

Reference No.:	ESR 15
Title:	Coalition-building and pro-poor governance reform
Objectives:	Research on pro-poor governance reform has identified the importance of coalition-building to include 'reformist' parts of the ruling elite in developing countries. One of the major difficulties faced by reformist forces within governing regimes is their need to retain sufficient support from incumbent, usually conservative, elites, as the latter have great influence on the distribution of leading positions in government and society. Reformist coalitions must navigate and forge alliances with pragmatists among the incumbent elites in order to have their reformist agenda implemented. This ESR project will focus on initiatives by external donors to identify reformist coalitions and will analyse what strategies have been adopted to support the reformers. The project will investigate which strategies of external donors have been successful and will focus on a number of case studies to investigate more in detail why certain initiatives led to greater access to policy-making for the poor while others failed.
Recruiting University:	Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR), Netherlands
Partner University:	Boğaziçi University (BOUN), Turkey
Research Directors:	Prof. Dr. Wil Hout (International Institute of Social Studies , EUR) Prof. Dr. Mine Eder (Department of Political Science and International Relations , BOUN)
Secondments:	<p>The project involves a strong collaboration between the International Institute of Social Studies of EUR and Boğaziçi University and therefore includes mandatory research stays of the ESR in Istanbul for six months in total.</p> <p>An additional six-month secondment is planned for as field research period, supervised by the University of the Western Cape (South Africa).</p>
Specific selection criteria for this ESR position:	The successful candidate has completed an internationally recognised Masters' programme in Political Science or another relevant social science degree with an above-average GPA. The candidate has a strong background in (comparative) social science methods along with a demonstrated interest in governance, development and poverty (shown, for instance, in the Masters' thesis), while experience in/with developing country contexts would be an advantage. Knowledge of the work of donor agencies and field work experience in sub-Saharan Africa would be an additional plus.