

Competition notice

Project title: *Spaces and places of providing social services: political role from the perspective of policy feedback theory*

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Project description: The planned project aims to take an innovative look at the feedback mechanism in social policy understood in this way by trying to determine what is the importance of places and spaces where benefits and social services are provided. On the example of services and benefits for two groups at risk of social exclusion - refugees and young people from families living in poverty, people implementing the project will try to determine how the spatial features of places and ways of managing them can cause the resource and symbolic effect experienced by citizens. Therefore, the study will help in determining how the location of the community center, the space for street-working, the availability of a place where counseling services are provided, management of accommodation for refugees (whether it is a local government space or, for example, a non-governmental organization, how is cooperation of various entities) etc. translate into political identities, beliefs, attitudes and political activities of three groups of entities: recipients, aid organizers and the local community. The project assumes that the spatial features of places and ways of managing them are decisive for conducting an inclusive social policy at the local level. The study will primarily consist in the implementation of comparative case studies in two or three cities, including several locations where public/social services are provided. It will employ observation in selected locations, conducting individual in-depth interviews with service providers and recipients, and an analysis of the local discourse (e.g. in terms of beliefs expressed in official and social media regarding the "deserving" of help recipients). The selection of research locations will be preceded by an analysis of legal regulations and a survey with representatives of social assistance and local civic organizations in 50 cities.

Requirement

- Master's degree in social sciences (obtained no later than September 20, 2023);
- Readiness to study at the Doctoral School of Social Sciences of the University of Warsaw;
- Documented experience in research work in scientific projects (e.g. participation in projects, carrying out research in the course of studies, conducting own research for diploma theses, experience/professional work in commercial research), especially in the field of qualitative research and analysis;
- Knowledge of the English language at a level enabling the preparation of scientific publications;
- Research interests in one of the following areas: studies on local social policy, the role of place and space in politics, political discourse, qualitative research;
- Analytical skills, good work organization, high interpersonal skills and empathy;

- Documented interest in research and science career path will be an asset, eg participation in conferences, publications, etc.

Discipline: political sciences and administration

Admission limit: 1

Recruitment schedule

- registration of Candidates: May 25, 2023 – June 8, 2023
- qualification procedure: June 13, 2023-June 18, 2023
- announcement of the ranking list by June 21, 2023
- accepting documents from qualified candidates: June 26, 2023 - September 20, 2023 - until 14.00
- announcement of the list of accepted candidates: by September 22, 2023

Recruitment fee 200 PLN

Form of the selection procedure

The following assessment is taken into account in the qualification procedure:

- 1) the candidate's scientific activity on the basis of a CV or curriculum vitae documented with scans of materials attached to the application for admission to the School;
- 2) interview with the candidate;
- 3) other achievements.

Language of the selection process, including the interview

The interview shall be carried out in Polish or English – in accordance with the candidate's preferences. If the Polish language is selected, the interview may include parts in English.

Required documents

- 1) indication of the selected discipline in which the candidate plans to pursue education
- 2) a scan of the graduation diploma of uniform master's degree or postgraduate studies or an equivalent diploma obtained under separate regulations. In the case of a diploma equivalent to a uniform master's degree or postgraduate studies graduation diploma, a candidate shall justify such equivalence. In case the diploma was issued in a language other than Polish or English, the candidate shall attach its certified translation;
- 3) a resume or CV outlining the candidate's scientific activity, including scholarly interests and achievements during the five calendar years preceding the application (if a candidate became a

parent during this time, as evidenced by a scan of the child's birth certificate attached to the application, this period shall be extended by two years for each child), including, but not limited to:

- publications,
 - research and organizational work at student research groups,
 - participation in scientific conferences,
 - participation in research projects,
 - awards and honorable mentions,
 - research internships,
 - research skills training programs completed,
 - activities promoting science,
 - activity in science movement representative bodies,
 - average of their university grades,
 - professional career,
 - level of proficiency in foreign languages;
- 4) scans of materials evidencing scientific activity mentioned in their CV and/or resume;
 - 5) a document confirming at least B2 proficiency level in English or a declaration of the level of proficiency in English allowing education at the School;
 - 6) the scan of a declaration by the planned supervisor, confirming their agreement to undertake the duties of a supervisor and of the number of doctoral students, for whom they perform the duties a designated supervisor, in accordance with the template constituting Appendix no.4 to the Resolution no. 17 of the Senate of the University of Warsaw of 20th January 2021 on rules of admission to doctoral schools at the University of Warsaw (the University of Warsaw Monitor of 2023, item 43), the candidate may also attach a scan of their planned supervisor's opinion and opinions of other academics about the candidate and their scientific activity and/or proposed research project;
 - 7) the photograph of a candidate's face that allows for their identification;
 - 8) a declaration confirming whether the candidate was or is a doctoral student or a participant of doctoral studies or whether they have initiated a doctoral dissertation process or whether proceedings to award them a doctoral degree have been initiated – and if yes, the title of their doctoral dissertation or the research project prepared by a candidate, including the name and last name of the candidate's tutor or supervisor;
 - 9) a declaration confirming that they have reviewed the Resolution no. 17 of the Senate of the University of Warsaw of 20th January 2021 on rules of admission to doctoral schools at the University of Warsaw (the University of Warsaw Monitor of 2023, item 43) and Articles 40 and 41 of the Code of Administrative Procedure;

Evaluation criteria

The committee evaluates candidates on a point scale, taking into account the competence to perform specific tasks in the research project and the candidate's previous scientific achievements, on this basis, developing a ranking of candidates according to the following criteria:

- competencies to perform specific tasks in a research project

(70% of the final grade):

3 points very good;

2 points good;

1 point weak;

0 points no competence.

- candidate's scientific achievements, including publications in reputable publishing houses/scientific journals (30% of the final grade):

4 outstanding points;

3 points very good;

2 points good;

1 point weak;

0 points no scientific achievements.

Education program

The education lasts 4 years. It includes obligatory classes and the implementation of an individual research program, carried out under the supervision of a supervisor. Beginning of education – October 1, 2023.

Scholarships

During the four years of study, the PhD student receives a scholarship in the amount of PLN 5.000 gross per month before a PhD student's mid-term evaluation and PLN 6.000 gross per month after the PhD student's mid-term evaluation.