



Call for Visiting Scholars in Residence, fall 2020

Amsterdam Centre for European Studies – Diverse Europe Theme Group

The Diverse Europe Theme Group offers stipendiary visiting scholarships to excellent scholars who are conducting research related to diversity and Europe in the social sciences, humanities or law. Visiting scholars spend up to a month in Amsterdam, during which time they are expected to give a research seminar, a public lecture, and a PhD master class, as well as to interact with faculty and students. For a full month's visit, ACES offers an honorarium of 6000 euros, which is intended to cover the costs of travel, accommodation, and subsistence; the honorarium is prorated for shorter visits. The visiting period is between September and December 2020.

About ACES and Diverse Europe

The University of Amsterdam Centre for European Studies (ACES) is an interdisciplinary centre of excellence on contemporary Europe, the European Union, and its member states. The Diverse Europe Theme group focuses on Europe as a space of increasing diversity, which is met with growing contestation. Today's Europe is confronted with a rise of populist nationalism, right and left-wing identitarianism, and authoritarian revolt. Refugees, religious and ethnic and racial minorities are more and more excluded from citizenship. This raises fundamental questions regarding Europe's identity/ties, citizenship, economic and political participation, shared values, and understandings of Europe's past, and desired future. Who defines Europe's identity, and the right to access, or break with it? What narratives contribute to the construction of Europe's identity and how do these legitimise and transform into (legal) mechanisms to include or exclude? What is the role of cultural and political representations in making and contesting Europe today?

Support

Visiting Scholars enjoy full access to the UvA's libraries and electronic resources including printer facilities. It may be possible to provide you with shared desk space, but that varies in the course of the academic year and cannot be guaranteed beforehand. ACES can assist with finding accommodation but it is advised to actively search for accommodation yourself.

Applications

Applicants should email the following documents by **March 1st 2020** to the Theme Group Leaders prof. dr. [Rob van der Laarse](#), dr. [Liza Mügge](#) and prof. dr. [Annette Schrauwen](#):

- A one-page cover letter containing your motivation for a research stay with the Diverse Europe Group and the desired period. Please, mention names of any ACES affiliated faculty with whom you have had contact about your proposed stay *or* with whom you would like to work;
- A one-page curriculum vitae;
- A one-page list with key publications;
- A two-page document containing 1) a short description of the project you will be working on 2) an outline of your ideas for a research seminar, a public lecture, and a PhD master class.

Selection criteria

The Diverse Europe theme group welcomes applications from active academic researchers and university faculty members in the social sciences, humanities and law whose proposed research meets the following criteria:

- The applicant must have a doctoral degree;
- The proposed plans are relevant to the study of Diverse Europe;
- The proposed research is interdisciplinary

Selection process and notification

Complete applications are reviewed by the Diverse Europe Theme Group leaders. A Skype interview may be part of the selection procedure. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision in writing by 15 March 2020.

Contact

Questions about the positions can be directed to the Theme Group leaders by email:

Humanities: prof. dr. Rob van der Laarse R.vanderLaarse@uva.nl

Social and Behavioral Sciences: dr. Liza Mügge l.m.mugge@uva.nl

Law: prof. dr. Annette Schrauwen a.a.m.schrauwen@uva.nl