



Well-being, Ecology, Gender and cOmmunity Innovative Training Network (WEGO- ITN) Recruitment of 15 Marie Skłodowska-Curie PhD Positions

Call for applications

Overview:

On behalf of the WEGO-ITN, The International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of Erasmus University Rotterdam is pleased to announce the recruitment of 15 Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) PhD positions (Early Stage Researchers). WEGO-ITN's consortium is made up of scholar-activists working on feminist political ecology from ten institutions in five European Union countries: Germany, Italy, Sweden, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom and eight institutions from six countries for training and secondments: Australia, India, Indonesia, Italy, Uruguay and USA.

The PhDs will be hosted at the beneficiary institutions of the WEGO-ITN: Freie Universität Berlin (FUB); Humboldt University Berlin (HUB); Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at Sussex University; Pangea Foundation (PF); Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU); The International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of Erasmus University Rotterdam; University of Brighton (UofB); University of Passau (UPAS); IHE Institute for Water Education, Delft (IHE) and Wageningen University & Research (WUR).

The purpose of WEGO-ITN funded by the European Commission (2018-2022) is to develop a shared research and training agenda in order to educate the next generation of interdisciplinary social-environmental scientists on feminist political ecology in Europe. The network will look in detail at local communities' coping strategies to build resilient, equitable and sustainable futures and how they link to global sustainable development policies. WEGO-ITN will research diverse economic and ecological practices that create new forms of gender relations, livelihoods and care activities, in response to growing lack of resilience of the economy and ecosystem. Through co-supervision by academics and non-academic partners, WEGO-ITN PhDs will engage in critical, practical, and creative exploration of the contribution and relationships between their individual doctoral study projects across the three interconnecting research themes: 1. Climate Change, Economic Development and Extractivism; 2. Commoning, Community Economies and the Politics of Care; and 3. Nature/Culture/ Embodiment and Technologies.

In addition to undertaking a doctoral research, the PhDs will engage in a series of collaborative research and training laboratories in order to develop advanced skills and expertise in tackling social-ecological challenges linked to policy agendas from a feminist political ecology perspective. The training laboratories will be held annually engaging with partners in the network from University of Auckland (UoA), University of Vermont (UVM), University of Western Sydney (UWS), Defensoria del Vecino de Montevideo (DVM), Island Institute (II), Society for Promoting Participative Ecosystem Management (SOPPECOM),

Associazione Culturale “Punti di Vista” (PDV) and Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR).

Please note this is a general call for the whole ITN WEGO. More specific requirements for individual selection criteria and information on financial support and remuneration will be available at the shortlisted stage.

Timeline:

The positions will be open for applications from **29 January 2018**.

The deadline for applications is 12 noon, **1 March 2018**.

Applicants will be informed if they are short listed by **31 March 2018**.

Interviews of short listed candidates will be arranged and held by the host institutes in **April and May 2018**. Decisions will be known at the latest by **15 June 2018**.

Starting date for the PhDs is **1 September 2018**.

Duration of the PhD trajectory is **36 months**.

Requirements:

The PhDs should apply for doctoral study in **one** of the 15 projects offered by the 10 hosting institutions. Please see the hyperlinks to the websites of the hosting institutions.

The candidate must have:

- good verbal and writing skills in English and where applicable be proficient in the relevant language for PhD project (i.e. Italian, Japanese, Spanish, German, Indonesian).
- be highly motivated, have a personal commitment to the research project as a whole, proven ability to work in a network and an aptitude to meet challenges.
- demonstrate an excellent understanding of feminist political ecology.
- have two - three years' experience of working/campaigning/studying in the field of social-environmental science.
- be an early career researcher with less than 4 years of research since graduation.

Work conditions:

- A full time contract with a competitive salary for 36 months. The remuneration of the recruited PhD is based on a monthly payment made up of living allowances, family allowance and mobility expenses where applicable and according to MSCA Horizon 2020 requirements.
- Office space in a professional and stimulating environment.
- Family friendly working conditions.

Applicants should submit all documents in English:

1. A proposal of between 1500 and 2000 words that elaborates your research motivation and interest, how you plan to undertake the research project for which you are applying. Candidates can only apply for **one** of the PhD projects. State your full name and the PhD topic for which you wish to apply on the proposal.
2. A copy of your Master's Degree in the English language. Applicants should have obtained a Master Degree with a minimum grade of B+/ 2.1.
3. Proof of residency of the last three years (1 September 2015 to 1 September 2018). Applicants **cannot have spent more than 12 months in the country (work/study/living) of the hosting institute in the 3 years immediately prior** to the recruitment date of 1 September 2018. If an applicant had more places of residence in this period, please indicate the periods and countries.

4. A CV indicating clearly that applicants have **not** undertaken 4 or more years of research. Please note, the WEGO Network is particularly interested in early career scholars who are currently engaged in the political ecology activities. Your CV should therefore also indicate your engagement in communities, movements, non-government organisations you see as relevant for the societally relevant aspect of the WEGO-ITN.
5. The names of two referees. The referees of short listed candidates only will be contacted.
6. **Applications should be sent to itnwego@gmail.com by 12 noon, 1 March 2018.**
7. **For inquiries, please write to itnwego@gmail.com.**
8. General information about the [Marie Skłodowska Curie \(MSCA\) Innovative Training Network program](#).

WEGO-ITN Institutions, Research Themes and PhD Topics

WEGO-ITN Institutions:

Host institutions: The International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam (Coordinating Institute); Freie Universität Berlin; Humboldt University Berlin; Institute of Development Studies at Sussex University; Pangea Foundation; Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences; University of Brighton; University of Passau; IHE Institute for Water Education, Delft and Wageningen University & Research.

Training and secondment partners: University of Auckland; University of Western Sydney; University of Vermont; Defensoría del Vecino de Montevideo; Island Institute; Society for Promoting Participative Ecosystem Management; Associazione Culturale “Punti di Vista”; Centre for International Forestry Research.

Research Theme One

Climate Change, Economic Development and Extractivism: how communities respond to economic and ecological changes in everyday social struggles and organising for well-being in efforts to move out of situations of inequality, exclusion and poverty.

PhD topics:

PhD and Topics	Host Institute	Supervisory Team	Secondment Institute	Secondment Mentors
PhD 1: Climate change adaptation programmes and political violence in Nepal	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden SLU website , SLU department , SLU requirements	Prof. dr. Andrea Nightingale, Dr. Seema Arora-Jonsson Dr. Klara Fischer	Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex Brighton, UK (3) University of Vermont (UVM), USA (3)	Prof. dr. Leyla Metha Dr. Ingrid L. Nelson

<p><u>PhD 2: Virtual water flows: re-articulating gendered structures of accumulation along emerging agro-food commodity chains in Maharashtra, India</u></p>	<p>IHE Institute for Water Education (IHE), Delft, The Netherlands</p> <p>IHE website, IHE department, IHE requirements</p>	<p>Prof. dr. Margreet Zwartveen, Dr. Tatiana Acevedo Guerrero</p>	<p>Humboldt University Berlin (HUB), Germany (3)</p> <p>Society for Promoting Participative Ecosystem Management (SOPPECOM), India (3)</p>	<p>Prof. dr. Christine Bauhardt</p> <p>Dr. Seema Kulkarni</p>
<p><u>PhD 3: The feminist political ecology of mining on gender and ethnic identities in Kalimantan, Indonesia</u></p>	<p>University of Passau (UPAS), Germany</p> <p>UPAS website, UPAS department, UPAS requirements</p>	<p>Prof. dr. Martina Padmanabhan, Prof. dr. Michael Grimm</p>	<p>University of Brighton (UofB), UK (3)</p> <p>Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Indonesia (3)</p>	<p>Dr. Rebecca Elmhirst</p> <p>Dr. Bimbika Sijapati Basnett</p>
<p><u>PhD 4: The politics of uncertainty and adaptation to climate change in Kenya and Tanzania</u></p>	<p>Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex Brighton, UK</p> <p>IDS website, IDS department, IDS requirements</p>	<p>Dr. Lars Otto Naess Prof. dr. Leyla Metha</p>	<p>University of Vermont (UVM), USA (3)</p> <p>Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden (3)</p>	<p>Dr. Ingrid L. Nelson</p> <p>Prof. dr. Andrea Nightingale</p>
<p><u>PhD 5: Drilling through the Anthropocene: fracking, land and expertise in contemporary Britain</u></p>	<p>University of Brighton (UofB), UK</p> <p>UofB website, UofB department, UofB requirements</p>	<p>Dr. Rebecca Elmhirst, Dr. Paul Robert Gilbert Dr. Leila Dawney</p>	<p>Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University, The Netherlands (3)</p> <p>Pangea Foundation (PF), Italy (3)</p>	<p>Prof. dr. Wendy Harcourt</p> <p>Ms. Simona Lanzoni</p>
<p><u>PhD 6: Community, commoning and care in the ruins of post-oil palm landscapes in Indonesia</u></p>	<p>University of Brighton (UofB), UK</p> <p>UofB website, UofB department, UofB requirements</p>	<p>Dr. Rebecca Elmhirst, Dr Paul Robert Gilbert, Dr. Leila Dawney</p>	<p>University of Passau (UPAS), Germany (3)</p> <p>Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Indonesia (3)</p>	<p>Prof. dr. Martina Padmanbhan</p> <p>Dr. Bimbika Sijapati Basnett</p>

Research Theme Two

Commoning, Community Economies and the Politics of Care: how gender relations are being shaped in emerging practices of commoning, community economies and work of care for families and communities in successful strategies of ‘living well together’.

PhD topics:

PhD and Topics	Host Institute	Supervisory Team	Secondment Institute	Secondment Mentors
<u>PhD 7: Eating relations: community economies, belonging and place-based food in the megacity Chennai, India</u>	University of Passau (UPAS), Germany UPAS website , UPAS department , UPAS requirements	Prof. dr. Martina Padmanbhan, Prof. dr. Michael Grimm	Freie Universität Berlin (FUB), Germany (3) Society for Promoting Participative Ecosystem Management (SOPPECOM), India (3)	Prof. dr. Guelay Caglar Dr. Seema Kulkarni
<u>PhD 8: The politics of care and defining the good life: elderly women’s community food economies in rural Japan</u>	Wageningen University & Research (WUR), The Netherlands WUR website , WUR department , WUR department 2 , WUR requirements	Dr. Chizu Sato, Dr. Bettina Bock, Prof. dr. Han Wiskerke	University of Western Sydney (UWS), Australia (3) Freie Universität Berlin (FUB), Germany (3)	Prof. dr. Katherine Gibson Prof. dr. Guelay Caglar
<u>PhD 9: Transformation of small-scale fishing communities</u>	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden SLU website , SLU department , SLU requirements	Prof. dr. Andrea Nightingale, Dr. Seema Arora-Jonsson Dr. Klara Fischer	Island Institute (II), USA (3) Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex Brighton, UK (3)	Dr. Robert Snyder Prof. dr. Leyla Mehta
<u>PhD 10: The politics of food in urban southern Europe</u>	Freie Universität Berlin (FUB), Germany FUB website , FUB department , FUB requirements	Prof. dr. Guelay Caglar	Wageningen University & Research (WUR), The Netherlands (3) University of Passau (UPAS), Germany (3)	Dr. Chizu Sato Prof. dr. Martina Padmanbhan

<p><u>PhD 11: Women organisations in gendered economic landscapes in rural Italy</u></p>	<p>Pangea Foundation (PF), Italy/ PhD from the Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University, The Netherlands</p> <p>PF website (English), PF website (Italian), ISS website, ISS department, ISS requirements</p>	<p>Ms. Simona Lanzoni, Prof. dr. Wendy Harcourt, Prof. dr. Irene van Staveren</p>	<p>Associazione Culturale “Punti di Vista” (PDV), Italy (3)</p> <p>Wageningen University & Research (WUR), The Netherlands (3)</p>	<p>Dr. Sabrina Aguiari</p> <p>Dr. Chizu Sato</p>
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Research Theme Three

Nature/Culture/ Embodiment and Technologies: how environmental justice takes into account the ways embodied, gendered and everyday lived experiences are mediated by technological interventions marked by economic and social inequalities that require a rethinking of issues around reproduction, production and population growth.

PhD topics:

PhD and Topics	Host Institute	Supervisory Team	Secondment Institute	Secondment Mentors
<p><u>PhD 12: Social (re)production and the good life in a post-growth society: a feminist and queer perspective</u></p>	<p>Humboldt University Berlin (HUB), Germany</p> <p>HUB website, HUB department, HUB requirements</p>	<p>Prof. dr. Christine Bauhardt</p>	<p>Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University, The Netherlands (3)</p> <p>Associazione Culturale “Punti di Vista” (PDV), Italy (3)</p>	<p>Prof. dr. Wendy Harcourt</p> <p>Dr. Sabrina Aguiari</p>
<p><u>PhD 13: Liquid encounters - fluid conversations around water, environment, and gendered naturecultures</u></p>	<p>Humboldt University Berlin (HUB), Germany</p> <p>HUB website, HUB department, HUB requirements</p>	<p>Prof. dr. Christine Bauhardt</p>	<p>Defensoría del Vecino de Montevideo (DVM), Uruguay (3)</p> <p>IHE Institute for Water Education (IHE), Delft, The Netherlands (3)</p>	<p>Dr. Ana Agostino</p> <p>Prof. dr. Margreet Zwartveen</p>

<p><u>PhD 14: Bodies, technologies and well-being</u></p>	<p>Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University, The Netherlands</p> <p>ISS website, ISS department, ISS requirements</p>	<p>Prof. dr. Wendy Harcourt, Prof. dr. Peter Knorrnga</p>	<p>University of Auckland (UOA), New Zealand (3)</p> <p>Defensoría del Vecino de Montevideo (DVM), Uruguay (3)</p>	<p>Dr. Yvonne Underhill-Sem</p> <p>Dr. Ana Agostino</p>
<p><u>PhD 15: Population growth and environmental justice: rethinking reproductive freedom</u></p>	<p>Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University, The Netherlands</p> <p>ISS website, ISS department, ISS requirements</p>	<p>Prof. dr. Wendy Harcourt, Prof. dr. Irene van Staveren, Dr. Rosalba Icaza</p>	<p>University of Brighton (UofB), UK (3)</p> <p>Pangea Foundation (PF), Italy (3)</p>	<p>Dr. Rebecca Elmhirst</p> <p>Ms. Simona Lanzoni</p>



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