

## Opportunity for Post-doctoral Fellowships (MSCA) to study Protest Camps at the University of Leicester, UK

This is a call for expressions of interest from outstanding post-doctoral researchers eligible to apply for a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action Individual European Fellowship. We would like to hear from candidates interested in developing their research by pursuing an empirical or conceptual project connected the study of Protest Camps at the University of Leicester, UK.

Protest camps are a form of alternative organization that has come to increasing attention in protest events since the Arab Spring in 2011. Protest camps are widely regarded to benefit the protestors, at least in the initial period of a protest, by providing a permanent and highly visible presence in often symbolically charged public space[1]. To date protest camps remain an understudied form of social movement organization.

Academics at the University of Leicester have contributed to the study of Protest Camps in different disciplines and subject areas (Human Geography, Organization Studies, Social Movement Studies)[2] . As prospective mentors they will support the development of MSCA applications. While the bulk of work drafting the proposal remains with the potential candidates, the University of Leicester provides institutional support and has a track record of successful MSCA applications.

Qualified candidates from any country are eligible to apply for these fellowships, provided they have not lived or worked in the UK for more than twelve months in the three years immediately prior to the application deadline of 12th September 2018. Candidates need to have been awarded a PhD or possess equivalent experience by the time of the application deadline. For more information, see <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/msca-if-2018.html>.

If you would be interested in working with us on a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action Fellowship, please email an expression of interest (EoI) to Dr Fabian Frenzel ([ff48@le.ac.uk](mailto:ff48@le.ac.uk)) and Dr Gavin Brown ([gpb10@le.ac.uk](mailto:gpb10@le.ac.uk)) by Monday 9th July 2018. Please include a CV with details of your academic and other relevant achievements, and a working research proposal (around 1000 words).

Candidates successful at the EoI stage will be supported in developing the full proposal and application for final submission on 12th September 2018.

[1] Feigenbaum, A, Frenzel, F and McCurdy, P (2013) Protest Camps; London: Zed Books.

[2] Brown, G. et. Eds (2017) Protest Camps in International Perspective. Bristol: Policy Press.

best wishes

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