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EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS FOR TRAINING IN URBAN STUDIES

**ISSUE 2008:
THE ETHNICALLY DIVERSE CITY**

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

OBJECTIVE

Cities are one of the most relevant places to observe, understand and influence changes in all fields of economy and society. Most inhabitants in the European Union are living in urban areas. "Future Urban Research in Europe" (FUTURE) therefore supports the research competencies, networks and human potentials to meet the future challenges in the cities of Europe.

The project will continue and bring forward the existing research on different features of urban life in Europe. FUTURE aims at the integration of different disciplines such as urban planning, political science, urban design, sociology, management research, architecture, economics, regional planning and other relevant contributing areas. The project will result in the substantial and sustainable founding of a network of training and exchange to prepare young scientists for the research on the European City.

CONCEPT

The idea of the FUTURE is realised in four intensive training programmes for young academics. Every training programme has a different annual issue. The programme consists of the following elements:

- Application
- Selection by an international scientific committee
- Preparatory workshop (Issues: Ethics of Research, European Integration and Urban Change; Methodological Training in Urban Research; Writing Skills; Career Planning)
- Online training: Feedback from senior researchers on the draft paper
- International conference: Paper presentation
- Review of the paper
- Publication
- Certificate

The scholars are supervised by internationally well renowned scientist with aiming knowledge exchange and the creation of a sustainable network between the young researchers and the senior scientists.

THIS YEAR'S ISSUE (2008):

The Ethnically Diverse City

European Cities will continue to be the destinations of migrants from all over the world seeking for refuge, education and work. In some cities, they are concentrating and developing their own life-world ("Lebenswelt"), in others they are integrated in the host society at a faster pace.

The training programme 2008 will focus on three major issues:

- Ethnic diversity and the requirements for urban policies
- Integration of different ethnic groups in the local economy and society
- Innovative strategies for mutual benefit within ethnic diverse neighbourhoods

Workshop and conference will address the main topic of ethnic diversity such as the spatial expression of different religions and cultural traditions, etc. and the mechanisms of migrations (work, refuge chain migration, illegal entry, crime, prostitution).

Venue: Weimar, Germany

IMPORTANT DATES:

Deadline for Application:	1st of April 2008
Workshop:	25th July 2008 – 1st August 2008
Conference:	31st October 2008 – 2nd November 2008

THE FELLOWSHIPS

All accepted applicants will be granted a fellowship of the European Commission which will enable the participation at the workshop and conference (travel expenses, accommodation). FUTURE is proposed to ensure the sound training of young researchers with regard to

- Provide a profound feedback from senior researchers
- link theoretical approaches to challenges of urban life
- enable contacts to international colleagues
- improve the competencies of the young researchers
- discuss research within the framework of European policies

APPLICATIONS

Scholars (graduates, post-graduates, PhD, post-PhD) from all disciplines and all European nations can apply. The selection will be lead by an international scientific committee. Researchers with more than 10 years of research experienc cannot be granted. In accordance with EU policies, FUTURE especially encourages women, disabled persons, members of ethnic minorities and researchers from accessing countries to apply.

Please send an abstract (max. 250 words) and curriculum vitae (max. 250 words) as an e-mail attachment (word or pdf document) to:

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For further information about the programme and application procedure, please visit: www.urban-future.net