

3-year fully-funded PhD scholarship (ERC-funded EURECON Project)

Applications are invited for one 3-year PhD scholarship in Economic and Social History at the University of Glasgow.

The successful candidate will be part of the ERC-funded project [\*The Making of a Lopsided Union: Economic Integration in the European Economic Community, 1957-1992\*](#) (EURECON) led by Dr Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol (Grant Agreement n°716849). They are expected to begin on 1 September 2018, or as soon as possible thereafter.

#### **Description of the EURECON project**

The goal of EURECON is to explore European policymakers' views about how to make the organisation of the European Economic Community (EEC) fit for the creation of a single currency, from 1957 to 1992. It is often said that the euro has faults of conception. But how did this happen? How was the euro made in such a way that it nearly completely overlooked some critical aspects of monetary unions? The assumption is that in the run-up to the 1992 Maastricht Treaty, European policymakers just did not think properly about how to make the Euro work. Was this really the case? Did European policymakers really overlook the economic foundations of European monetary union?

The project aims to examine European policymakers' debates and proposals, understand the reasons for their success or failure, identify the dynamics of political and economic trade-offs and compromises, shifting priorities, and alternative approaches that were abandoned at the time but recycled later. The project focuses on five work packages: macroeconomic policy coordination, fiscal transfers, capital market integration, banking harmonisation/supervision and the deepening of the common/single market. The project will examine the origins of the issues that are currently bedeviling the European Union (EU) by investigating the period between the creation of the EEC in 1957 and the decision to create a European single currency in 1992.

#### **PhD position**

The PhD projects will focus on the role and influence of non-state, non-EEC actors and factors in the above discussions. Interested applicants should focus specifically on the role of one of the following actors:

**Big business** (other than banks): The implementation of the common/single market, the issue of EEC fiscal transfers, and macroeconomic policy coordination had an impact on the conduct of business in Europe. Did big business consider that these developments would improve their environment, in creating more business opportunities, easier financing and trade? The Roundtable of Industrialists famously lobbied for the Single Market Project; did big business aim to actively support or oppose other developments at different time periods?

**Trade unions:** Macroeconomic policy coordination, EEC fiscal transfers, and the development of the common/single market had an important impact upon labour relations. How did trade unions try to influence European economic policymaking? In particular, how did they promote European social policies and how did they cope with the challenges induced by European economic integration in a globalising world? The rise of unemployment in Europe from the 1970s as well as the reflections mentioned above about the introduction of an EEC-wide unemployment benefit provided an important points of interest for trade unions.

The successful candidate is expected to:

Write a PhD thesis under the supervision of Dr Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol

Be an active part of the EURECON project and work in close cooperation with [other team members](#)

Present papers at conferences

Publish in international peer-reviewed journals (individual and co-authored)

Participate in yearly workshops organised within the scope of EURECON.

The successful candidate will register for a PhD in Economic and Social History, School of Social and Political Sciences, College of Social Sciences, University of Glasgow.

The scholarship covers the successful student's full-time home/EU tuition fees (£4,121 p.a. for 2016/17), pays a stipend (£14,296 p.a. for 2016/17), and includes a research budget allowance to cover expenses related to archival research and conference attendance (at least £1500 p.a.).

PhD students at the University of Glasgow benefit from the College of Social Sciences' Graduate School Research Training Programme, as well as an annual Thesis Review Committee and an annual Doctoral Retreat. PhD students may also have the opportunity to become Graduate Teaching Assistants and gain teaching experience.

Candidates must be fluent in English. A good command of another European language would be an advantage.

### **How to apply**

Please include the following supporting documentation with your application:

Your CV

Your research proposal focusing on one of the actors/factors outlined above (max. 2500 words, including footnotes, references and bibliography)

Your degree transcripts

Your English language certificate

Two letters of reference

Interested candidates should apply on the University of Glasgow's Online Application System <http://www.gla.ac.uk/research/opportunities/howtoapplyforaresearchdegree/#/>. Applicants should put 'EURECON' in the 'Research Title' field in 'Step 6 – Course Details' of the application form, and select 'PhD in Economic and Social History (Research)'.

Interested applicants are strongly advised to discuss their research proposal with Dr Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol (<mailto:emmanuel.mourlon-druol@glasgow.ac.uk>) before they apply.

Short-listed candidates may be invited for an interview in Glasgow.

Application deadline is **30 April 2018**.