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COES - CENTRE FOR SOCIAL CONFLICT AND COHESION STUDIES

Postdoctoral Research Positions at the Centre for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies, at the University of Chile, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez and Universidad Diego Portales.

The Centre for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies (COES – FONDAP) invites applications for postdoctoral research positions. COES will develop collaborative research on issues related to social conflict and cohesion (convivencia) in Chile through a multidisciplinary team from the social sciences and humanities. COES will centre its academic and outreach activities on the analysis of the multiple manifestations of social conflict in Chile, its causes as well as historical and cultural context. Our main objective is to contribute to the improvement of social cohesion, not only by generating cutting edge research, but also by informing public policy and social dialogue in Chile through our outreach activities and specific proposals for public action.

The Centre is looking for candidates to develop their research in the following areas:

1. the socio-economic dimensions of conflict
2. group and individual interactions
3. social and political conflict
4. the geographies of conflict

COES invites applications for postdoctoral research position in disciplines like sociology, psychology, urbanism, geographic, economy, political science, history, anthropology, among others. You can see others postdoctoral position in www.coes.cl.

Qualified candidates must have a PhD (awarded within the last 5 years or an approved PhD thesis with graduation pending) in one of the social sciences as well as strong writing and methodological skills. They should possess expertise in topics that fit into the Centre's research agenda such as social movements, social theory, political socialization, social stratification, intergroup relations, social identity and intergroup contact, multidimensional inequalities, segregation, urban conflict; territorial inequality, among others. In addition to the completion and publication of their own research, the postdoctoral scholars' primary responsibilities will be planning and conducting studies, statistical data analysis and preparation of manuscripts for publication and conference presentations. They will also be expected to be actively involved in developing and publishing articles. Selected candidates will be able to undertake some teaching in English or Spanish. Selected candidates will work collaboratively with a multidisciplinary research team of social scientists led by Professor Dante Contreras.

The salary offered for this position is US\$ 33,000 per year approximately plus USD 3,000 for research expenses (precise amounts may vary depending on exchange rates). There is also financial support for relocation costs for candidates from overseas. Each position is for two years, but renewal for the second year will be subject to the fulfilment of objectives.

We also welcome applications from post-docs who would like to undertake a joint post-doc with another Chilean or international partner institution. In this case, partner institutions will share in the cost of the post-doc appointment, and candidates may reside in another country as well as Chile.

Applications are open until April 20, 2015. Please send a motivational letter, curriculum vitae, summary of Ph.D. research, brief research proposal (no more than two pages) and two letters of support to comcoes@gmail.com and icaceresd@fen.uchile.cl. Interviews with the selection committee could also be by telephone or through video conference.

