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Description of the research project.

This postdoctoral fellowship is part of the ERC Consolidator Grant 'A Disarmed Continent? Gun Culture, Gun Control and the Making of Western Europe (c. 1870-1970)'. The project is a comparative study integrating legal, cultural, social and practical analyses of the lawful use and possession of small firearms. Within the general framework of the project, the postdoctoral researcher will study the case of **Sweden between c. 1870 and 1945**.

Over the course of a century (c. 1870-1970), Europe experienced a silent revolution that led to the implementation of gun control measures and the depoliticisation and cultural deglamourisation of guns. This transition has become one of the foundations of public order, social peace and the smooth functioning of political systems. The overall aim of the project is to explore the causes and historical processes that have led to this change and its implications for European history.

In the light of the existing literature and within the chronological framework of this fellowship (1870-1945), the postdoctoral researcher will select case studies on which to focus the research, identifying the most appropriate sources and methodologies. The postdoctoral researcher will carry out a research project based on an integrated approach to the legal, cultural, social and practical aspects of the lawful use and possession of small firearms by law-abiding civilians. The methodologies envisaged by the project, which the postdoctoral fellow will be invited to select and implement, include: a) security studies; b) entangled legal history; c) guns as material objects; d) advertising; e) gender studies.

Duration and Salary

The duration of the research grant is **24 months**. Should it prove necessary for the completion of the research activities, and subject to an excellent evaluation, the grant may be extended for a **further 12 months**.

The gross amount of the research fellowship is 32,427.26 euros per year (i.e. approximately **2380 euros per month after taxes**).

Candidates are informed that the contract will start around October 2024.

Research fellow's duties and profile

The researcher will study the use and legal possession of weapons in Sweden between 1870 and 1945. In particular, the research fellow will define case studies, collect and analyse relevant primary sources in national and local archives and libraries. The collected sources must also be made available for consultation and analysis by the other scholars in the research group. The research fellow will have: excellent knowledge of Swedish history; very good experience in collecting and studying archival sources; willingness to work in archives and libraries abroad; excellent knowledge of Swedish; good knowledge of English, which will be the common language of the research group and the planned publications. The researcher must be highly motivated and willing to work with the entire research group.

Expected results

By the end of the first year, the fellow will have identified the case studies, reviewed the literature on the topic and the most appropriate methodologies, and begun to collect archival material. By the end of the fellowship, the researcher will have completed the collection of sources and prepared 3 publications (academic articles and/or book chapters).