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Delayed Transformational Fatigue in Central & Eastern Europe: Responding to the Rise of Populism [FATIGUE]

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Partners

Beneficiaries

- UCL SSEES, UK (co-ordinator)
- Tartu University, Estonia
- Jagiellonian University, Poland
- Charles University, Czechia
- Corvinus University, Hungary
- University of Belgrade, Serbia

- Expert Advisory Board

Partner organisations (selection)

- EBRD
- British Library
- Amnesty International
- Transparency International
- World Jewish Congress
- Minority Rights Group

Structure: Work Packages

- WP1: Illiberal democracy and right-wing politics
- WP2: Politics of memory
- WP3: Economic populism and inequality
- WP4: Xenophobia, anti-Semitism, homophobia
- WP5: Civil society and protest movements

- WP6: Management
- WP7: Dissemination
- WP8: Ethics

Structure: consortium-level training

Year 1

- Social Science Methods
- Research design
- Literature Review
- Mental health
- Academic English

Year 2

- 7 months at university overseas
- 3 months with non-academic partner
- Fieldwork

Year 3

- Data analysis
- Discourse analysis
- How to get published
- Policy workshop
- Applying for a post-doc

All years: university-level

- One-to-one supervision
- ESR-specific training

Application

Evaluation report (score: 97.8%)

- The project offers an innovative, original and creative approach.
- The research programme offers a variety of disciplinary perspectives.
- The research programme is very well integrated with the training of ESRs.
- The training programme suggests extremely useful transferable skills with regard to translating scientific research to policy.
- The interlinkages between non-academic and academic partners is successfully demonstrated.
- A dense and frequent interaction between the participating organisations is very well demonstrated.

Application

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- Some doubts remain on the conceptual framework.
- Types, objectives and outlets of academic publications planned are not very clearly presented.

Tips (from my experience)

- However long you think the application will take, double it.
- The REA likes consortia that have history.
- The Gantt chart is your friend. Know what ESRs will do for each of the 36 months.
- The REA treats social science and natural science programmes the same:
 - Build in time for ethnographic fieldwork. The REA will not allow you to exceed the 30% limit.
 - Make it clear that social science PhDs do not always end up where you expect them to. Even though this is perfectly normal, the REA will see this as a 'deviation' from the GA.

Thank you!

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