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CAREER GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING IN TIMES OF VOLATILE LABOUR MARKETS AND DYNAMIC BIOGRAPHIES

We are happy to announce the fourth ECADOC Summer School for 2017, hosted by the University of Applied Labour Studies in Mannheim, Germany. Building on three fruitful and successful summer schools (Padova 2014, Paris 2015 and Lausanne 2016) this fourth summer school honours continuity whilst heralding change. EU funding was the foundation for ECADOC: we will now continue offering annual summer schools for doctoral candidates who are undertaking research in the domain of career guidance and counselling (CGC). Our proven formula is to convene a European community of CGC researchers for an intensive week of working together, PhD candidates alongside experienced researchers. Sharing our ideas, through presentations, structured feedback and open-ended discussion, we will drive forward the CGC research agenda across Europe.

This year we have chosen a theme that will give us actual insights and points for reflection. *“Career Guidance and Counselling & Dynamic Biographies in Times of Volatile Labour Markets”*. From our perspective, this headline unites different perspectives, which are currently very relevant for the practice of career guidance and counselling. In times where people’s lives are becoming increasingly dynamic, we face new challenges in supporting them in their pursuit of education and employment, and the desired development of their lives in general. Researchers and practitioners engaged in CGC need to challenge, adapt and de-

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velop their understandings, methods and services accordingly. Moreover, they must reflect their own and collective standpoints in discourses on CGC, which are also influenced by diverse political agendas and normative ideologies. At this year's summer school, we therefore feature both qualitative and quantitative research informed by psychology, sociology, educational science, pedagogics and other disciplines that help the CGC community to better understand individuals' lives, biographies and societal structures.

Who can take part? All PhD candidates whose research relates to career guidance and counselling. We explicitly invite researchers with various backgrounds in terms of discipline, methodology, age and status within the PhD research process. Interested people are invited to apply for the participation by sending us a description of their research project (1 page) and a CV, in addition to the completed application form.

How can you finance your participation? We encourage participants to access Erasmus+ mobility funding, which covers: actual travel costs, your accommodation and a proportion of your subsistence. Although the funding application is relatively straightforward, we will offer a support service to give you the information you need to apply for *Erasmus+ funding* via your home university.

What do we do in this week? Our belief is that a summer school brings together the best of academic work and academic life. The summer school programme blends presentation and discussion of your own research with peer and faculty. You'll have the chance to meet researchers from different backgrounds with diverse experience, listen to interesting inputs around the theme of the summer school, work with different research methods, and learn about the practical challenges of being a researcher. This could cover issues like project funding applications, getting your work published, working effectively in research teams and reflecting on your own work and your unique experience in the light of what we represent together in this week: a community of research, diverse, colourful and relevant.

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What happens next? The organisation committee will post updates on the website (<http://larios.psy.unipd.it/ecadoc/> and <http://www.hdba.de/forschung>) about the application process, contact address for applications, sources of financial support and organisational details. Once the call for applications is out, we plan the deadline for end of April 2017.

If you have questions, you can find an FAQ section on the webpage. For further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by sending an email to peter.weber@hdba.de.

Looking forward to seeing you in Mannheim,

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