Activity summary of CIAS research fellow in Budapest

Grant category: ☐ junior ☒ senior

Name: Dr Adel Pasztor
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Academic Year / Semester: 2021/Sem 2
Duration: 5 months

Project title: Make or Break: Career trajectories in the European academic workforce

Project description: In recent years there have been significant debates about the changing nature of higher education (HE) reflected in what some term the emergence of the neoliberal university, characterized by performance management regimes and precarity (Slaughter & Rhoades, 2004; Barry et al. 2001; Finkelstein, 2006). Due to the increasing casualisation as well as the growing internationalisation of the HE sector (Schuster and Finkelstein, 2008), there is a need to re-examine if and how certain groups of academics are privileged or disadvantaged when entering the profession. Since (postdoctoral) fellowships have become an established part of an academic career even in the humanities and the social sciences, research is needed to examine whether those who engaged in international mobility were indeed more successful in their academic career (at home or abroad). By relying on unique survey data [N=5,500] on the career trajectories of Marie Curie Fellowship-recipients, the proposed study offers a significant scientific contribution to the scholarship on the academic profession, while the proposed analysis will add a further insight into the role of international mobility on academic careers both within and outside Europe.

Connected publications*
1. Title: Success Breeds Success: International student mobility and the (re)production of privilege
   Journal: JEMS (under review)
   Journal category (if applicable): ☒ Q1  ☐ Q2  ☐ Q3
   Status: ☐ accepted/published  ☒ in progress  ☐ planned
2. Title: It’s a men’s world. Gendered career trajectories in STEM fields across Europe
   Journal: Higher Education (work in progress)
   Journal category (if applicable): ☐ Q1  ☒ Q2  ☐ Q3
   Status: ☐ accepted/published  ☒ in progress  ☒ planned

Professional partnerships*
1. Name:
Institution:
Field of research:
Future plans for joint research:

Additional activities* (public lectures, presentations, professional meetings, media connections etc.):
1. Presentation given at the British Sociological Association’s annual conference (April 2021)
2. Presentation at the CIAS workshop (April 2021)

Future plans, planned return (if any):
☐ I plan to return to Hungary later
☐ I plan to maintain my professional contacts via e-mail
☒ Any other comment: I plan to stay in Hungary.

*Please give us a properly detailed summary.

Date: 18/07/2021
Signature: Dr Adel Pasztor