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The ERC Advanced Grant: “Grassroots economics: Meaning, project and practice in the pursuit of livelihood”, PI Prof. Susana Narotzky, invites applications for 2 post doctoral positions.

Deadline for Applications 31 May 2013. Employment is to begin on 1 September 2013.

- **Job Description**
  - **Job Title:** Post Doctoral position attached to ERC Advanced Grant
  - **Job Summary:** ERC AdvGrant project: Grassroots economics: Meaning, project and practice in the pursuit of livelihood, based at the University of Barcelona. A PhD in social anthropology or a closely related discipline in the social sciences is required. Postdoctoral fellows will conduct ethnographic research in Portugal, Italy, Greece or Spain. They will take an active role in organizing scholarly activities related to the project, including conferences, workshops and seminars, and assist with the training and field supervision of PhD students working on the project. Research will be based at the Universitat de Barcelona. There is no nationality/residence restriction. The main communication language is English.
  - Full-time appointments will be for a period of five years (12 months plus a further 48 months contingent on a satisfactory performance during the first year), starting 1 September 2013. Annual gross salary will be 38,000 €, gross monthly salary between 3,000 and 3,200 €.
  - **Job Description:**
    - Description of project: In Southern Europe promises of wellbeing and social mobility have become elusive since 2008. Economists and policy makers have provided analyses and advised on political action to end the economic crisis, but this has often resulted in greater precarity and unrest. Expert’s accounts are based on mainstream economic models. These models are ‘technical’ and top-down models that largely ignore political, social and cultural dynamics on the ground. Yet social agents are embedded in multiple regimes of value and institutional frames that guide their economic behavior. Four Southern European countries –Portugal, Italy, Greece and Spain— have been selected as research sites. The project investigates grassroots economics by addressing the social, cultural and political environments in which common people make everyday economic decisions. Through an interdisciplinary approach that uses ethnographic fieldwork and comparative analysis, it investigates the interaction between individuals, households and institutions. The aim is to respond to the following questions: 1) How is the value(s) of economic action assessed? How do ordinary people negotiate different moral frameworks in pursuit of a better life? 2) What are the material and ideological conditions of possibility for designing life projects? What are the power geometries that configure distribution patterns and channels for accessing resources? 3) What is the relationship between
Authoritative models of the economy and the real economic projects and practices of those whose main objective is the pursuit of livelihood? The comparison of grassroots economics with mainstream expert economics will support a theoretically ground-breaking explanatory framework that will shed light on ongoing problems of livelihood insecurity and policy design that are currently left unaddressed by economic policies.

- Post doctoral fellows will participate in the preparation of research protocols, field research and analysis. They will take an active role in organizing research and scholarly activities related to the project and assist with the training and field supervision of PhD students working on the project. They are expected to publish regularly in academic journals and participate in international conferences, workshops and seminars. Post doctoral fellows will conduct ethnographic field research in either Portugal, Italy, Greece or Spain. 12 months have been earmarked for ethnographic on site research, starting on month 18. Researchers will carry on the observation of households in order to elicit ordinary people’s practices in pursuit of a livelihood, including projects for economic improvement. The research will also address regulation of livelihood processes by the State or other institutions.
  - **Nr of positions available:** 2
  - **Main Research Field:** Anthropology
  - **Sub Research Field:** Social anthropology
  - **Career Stage:** Experienced researcher or 4-10 yrs (Post-Doc)
  - **Research Profile:** Recognised Researcher (R2)
  - **Benefits:** 32 vacation days per year. Other benefits follow Spanish Law.

### EU Research Framework Programme
- **Is the job funded through the EU Research Framework Programme?:** FP7/IDEAS-ERC
- **Contract number:** 323743-GRECO

### Job Details
- **Status:** Full-time
- **Hours Per Week:** 37.5
- **Company/Institute:** Universitat de Barcelona - UB
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• Application Details
  o **Envisaged Job Starting Date:** 01/09/2013
  o **Application Deadline:** 31/05/2013
  o **How To Apply:** e-mail
  o **Application e-mail:** borsadetreball@fbg.ub.edu

• Required Education Level
  o **Required Education Level 1**
    o **Degree:** PhD or equivalent
    o **Degree Field:** Anthropology
  o **Required Education Level 2**
    o **Degree:** PhD or equivalent
    o **Degree Field:** Sociology
  o **Required Education Level 3**
    o **Degree:** PhD or equivalent
    o **Degree Field:** Geography

• Required Research Experiences
  o Ethnographic fieldwork experience

• Required Languages
  
  Excellent written and spoken English + another research language (Spanish, Italian, Greek, or Portuguese) are necessary

• Additional Requirements
  o **Skill:** Demonstrated ethnographic experience.
  o A willingness to work collegially with other members of the research team and take responsibility for the organization of the activities of the project
  o Excellent written and spoken English + another research language (Spanish, Italian, Greek, or Portuguese) are necessary.
  o Previous experience in the proposed fieldwork location and on the proposed research issues will be considered a strong advantage
  o Some experience with large project management will be positively valued, but is not a requirement.

  o **Specific Requirements:**
  o Candidates will have the following credentials:
    o A completed PhD degree in socio-cultural anthropology or closely related discipline (e.g. economic anthropology, economic sociology, economic geography). Candidates that will have deposited their thesis for defence by July 2013 will also be considered.
  o **Job application:**
    o Applications must include, in a single PDF file:
      o A curriculum vitae
      o A motivation letter including 1) a brief description of the candidate’s PhD and 2) an answer to the following questions: Why are you interested? How do you see your participation in the project? How does it fit your career plans?
      o A research plan with an indication of expected theoretical implications (2,000 words maximum)
- Names and contact details of two recommenders
- In addition to the above single file, applicants must include as an attachment: One published (or accepted) article.

- All correspondence will be in English. Applications must be sent as e-mail attachments to borsadetreball@fbg.ub.edu by May 31 2013. E-mail message subject lines and attachment names must consist of the text “GRECO applicant’s-last-name”.
- Interview:
  - The candidates will be informed if they are retained for the interview stage by mid-June 2013. The shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by the selection committee during the first week of July 2013. The interview will be conducted either directly or through a platform such as Skype or Google Hangout. It will be conducted both in English and in the second research language.
  - For any additional information, contact the principal investigator, Professor Susana Narotzky at the following email: reciprocitat@ub.edu