



Spring/Summer 2021

Fellowship Program  
CAS SEE University of Rijeka

The CAS SEE Fellowship is intended to provide support for early-stage researchers. Inspired by the cooperation of previous generations of CAS SEE Fellows and their creation of long-term thematic synergies among researchers, the upcoming CAS SEE Fellowship will stimulate fellows to present their research in Rijeka and other regional centers. Alongside pursuing their independent research interests, fellows will attend regular CAS SEE regional conferences and seminars.

**The Call for Applications closes on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020.**

The 13th generation of fellows will assume their positions by **March 15<sup>th</sup> 2021.**

**The CAS SEE Fellowship Program for Spring/Summer 2021 will host 7 Fellows.** Fellowship lasts for five months.

Fellows are expected to spend a total of four weeks (split into two 2-week residencies) during their fellowship on the island of Cres at the [Moise Palace](#), a Renaissance palace managed by the University of Rijeka. The Moise Palace serves as a research retreat; a regional hub for the advancement of social science, humanities, art, and interdisciplinary research; and a space of engagement and exchange with local communities. As in previous years, Fellows will co-organize the program for their group's retreats to Moise based on their individual and collective interests and needs.

Although CAS SEE will take into account excellent proposals that are not strictly related to the main topics, we encourage candidates to focus particularly on two thematic foci:

### **From Horizons of Freedom to Democratic Engagement**

From the pioneering works of Jean-Jacques Rousseau to the recent works of David Graeber, researchers have long been engaged in the study of freedom, inequality, and emancipation. It is difficult to dispute the assertion that freedom is *the* central societal value of modernity. Despite freedom's central role as the guiding principle of democratic and emancipatory politics, we seem to be far from any philosophical, political-theoretic and everyday consensus on the meaning of freedom. As we face the challenges of pandemics, climate change or ultimately of our self-destruction, there is a greater *practical urgency* of finding ways out of the impasse between the competing conceptions of freedom, and their relation to democratic engagement.

This thematic focus invites researchers to apply with projects which broadly investigate

- social tensions and institutional deadlocks related to competing conceptions of freedom and/or democratic engagement
- flaws and potentials in inherited theories of freedom and/or democratic engagement
- the development of democratic culture as well as democratic systems
- materialist, technological and social underpinnings of anti-democratic tendencies and/or radical emancipatory self-governance
- the design of new free institutions

## Food Futures

The production, distribution, and consumption of food has become one of the key problems of the climate crisis, as these practices both contribute to and are endangered by new ecological unpredictability. As weather patterns unravel and the soil and seas fail to sustain biodiversity, food systems are becoming increasingly compromised while the logistics of globalized food systems appear unsustainable. Meat production is among the primary industries which contribute to exacerbating the root causes of the climate crisis. An inordinate amount of food waste coexists with starvation.

This thematic focus invites researchers to apply with projects broadly related to

- the anthropology of food
- the studies of changes of cultural and economic food habits and systems
- the political project of universal access to food

### APPLICATION AND DEADLINE:

– Applications are submitted by filling the application form (<http://www.cas.uniri.hr/application-form/>) at <http://www.cas.uniri.hr> where you will find the detailed information regarding the content of the application, eligibility criteria, selection procedure, etc.

– The deadline for application is January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 12 AM GMT. Late applications will not be considered.

### SELECTION PROCEDURE:

– Administrative pre-selection of applications – Scientific assessment by two international referees – Final selection by the CAS SEE Rijeka Academic boards – Publication of results (February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

### CALENDAR OF ACTIONS:

Application deadline → **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Publication of CAS SEE Rijeka final selections → **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Expecting arrival of Fellows → **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Degree: At the time of the application, researchers must have a doctoral degree. Nationality: Researchers from all countries are eligible to apply for the program. Disciplines: The program is open to all disciplines in the fields of humanities and social sciences. It also welcomes applications from the arts, life and exact sciences provided that:

- the research project does not require any intensive laboratory work
- the research project interfaces with humanities and social sciences
- the applicant has a proven capacity for dialogue with other scientific disciplines

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING THE APPLICATION:

In order to provide evaluators with relevant information to perform their work efficiently, CAS SEE Rijeka fellowship applicants have to submit (in English exclusively):

- the completed CAS SEE Rijeka application form
- a copy of applicant's CV
- a description of applicant's research project (1500-2000 words)
- a personal statement (up to 500 words).

All documents must be submitted as PDF files. The documents of applicant's research project and personal statement must be page-numbered and have as a header applicant's full name (last name, first name) and email address.

Applicants are recommended to specify the following in their proposals:

- The relevance and connections of the research to a wider academic context
- The aims and methods of research
- The current state and schedule of their research
- The cooperation partners, including national and international contacts, when applicable
- The interdisciplinary dimension of the research, if relevant
- The importance of trans-national mobility for achieving research objectives
- Their motivation for participating in the program
- Issues concerning research ethics, if relevant

CAS SEE Rijeka Fellows are invited to spend five months in Rijeka in accordance with the length and the complexity of their research project.

- Living allowance in the range of € 1,100 per month for a fellow

The fellowship program fully complies with the EU GDPR regulations, confidentiality and intellectual property rules. Applicants are requested to indicate possible ethical issues in their proposals. Under the CAS SEE Rijeka Fellowship Program, bursary conditions offered to fellows are in full compliance with the General Principles and Requirements applicable to employers in the European Charter for Researchers and in the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers. The CAS SEE Rijeka fellowship program follows an equal opportunity policy.