

ERC Project on Media and Democracy in Europe (MDE) VISITING FELLOWSHIPS 2010-13

Applications are invited for short-term Visiting Fellowships for the academic years 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13.

Successful applicants will work with the project on Media and Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe, which is sponsored by the European Research Council (ERC). Visiting Fellows will either help to collect and process empirical data from the region, or will focus on broader theoretical questions related to the project's main theme. The project aims to establish what kind of democracy is needed for media to perform its agreed-upon normative functions. Our focus is on news media, including both "old media" (broadcast and print) and the "new media" of the Internet. The major research areas are:

- Commercial pressures/ownership/market structures
- Political pressures/intervention
- Journalistic autonomy and professional identity

Visiting Fellows will be expected to live in Oxford for a period of either one or two terms (three or six-months) between October and March each year. They will be expected to take an active part in various academic events organized within the project and to prepare for publication the findings of their work in Oxford.

A good spoken and written knowledge of English is essential, and the Fellowships carry a stipend to meet living costs in Oxford. Fellows will be based at St Antony's College, University of Oxford and will be members of the University's Department of Politics and International Relations during their stay.

Applications, including a CV, a two-page outline research proposal and the names and contact details of two referees, should be sent to:

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Please send applications by **1 March** or **1 October**, stating your preferred period of tenure. Applications will be considered twice a year.