CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Chaire d’excellence, LabEx EHNE
Research strand 5: The Europe of Wars and the Traces of War

In connection with the LabEx EHNE project (Écrire une histoire nouvelle de l’Europe-Writing a New History of Europe), research strand 5 (The Europe of Wars and the Traces of War) will host, for a two-month period, an academic researcher who currently holds a position in a foreign institution, in order to include him or her in the laboratory’s research, and to contribute to the internationalization of this research.

The primary goal of the LabEx EHNE is to help explain the crisis Europe is currently experiencing by constructing a new historiography intended both for the academic world as well as teachers, citizens, and politicians. A genuine incubator of research, the LabEx EHNE thus provides an exceptional framework for reflecting on the history of the European continent, while offering to popularize the results of this research with a broad public. The creation of a digital encyclopedia (www.ehne.fr) represents one of its primary objectives in this regard. The project brings together five partner laboratories from three university institutions (the universités Paris 1 Paris-Sorbonne and Paris-Sorbonne, université de Nantes), as well as the Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS). It is led by Professor Éric Bussière (université Paris-Sorbonne, UMR 8138 Sirice).

Within the LabEx, research strand 5 explores the central role that war and its aftermath have played in modern European history. Its researchers study wars along with their material, memorial, and mental traces...in an interdisciplinary manner and within a European context that is beyond national histories or overly tight chronologies, which are overrepresented in studies regarding war. They consequently seek to understand war in all of its dimensions, including material, human, economic, and symbolic ones. Their research aims to redefine certain keywords - such as guerilla warfare, small wars, civil war, world war, Cold War - as well as to generate new approaches. It also involves calling into question the paths used for a peaceful cohabitation after a conflict. Is it possible to live together (once again) ? Can the post-genocidal period be likened to a kind of war? What paths are chosen to put an end to conflicts (treaties, reparations, repentance...), or for the process of rapprochement and reconciliation? Researchers also reflect on the traces left by conflicts, both collective ones such as memorials, and individuals ones such as testimony. These questions and many others are explored through ten evocative themes: occupations, displacement, memorialization, reconciliation, victors/vanquished, reparations, representing war, when war disrupts gender, violence, objects, judging war.
Candidates should show in their applications what their research could contribute to the collective project of LabEx EHNE research strand 5. We will pay special, but by no means exclusive, attention to candidates that plan to develop one of the three following subjects: war and economy, war and law, combatants in war.

The selected candidate must organize a study day, write encyclopedia entries (at least two, www.ehne.fr), and participate in/organize conferences or seminars in connection with the research strand 5.

Calendar:
Two-month stay during 2017: either between February and June, or between September and November.

Requirements for eligibility:
- researchers holding an HDR (habilitation à diriger les recherches) or an equivalent diploma, affiliated with a foreign institution
- Strong mastery of French and/or English

Hosting Conditions:
- Compensation: pay equivalent to that of a professor of exceptional class (monthly salary: 4 800 € net)
- Transportation: the LabEx EHNE will pay for a round-trip ticket for the selected candidate between their place of customary residence and Paris
- Research resources: availability of an office with computer equipment
- Obligatory Paris residence

Candidature:
- The application should be written in French or English
- It should be sent no later than September 1, 2016
- Responses will be sent on September 15, 2016

The documents should be sent in a single electronic file to the following address: labexguerres@gmail.com

The application must imperatively include the following:
- Complete application form
- Curriculum vitae including a complete list of publications
- Presentation of the research project (maximum 5 pages) followed by a selective bibliography
- One or two articles that the candidate would like to bring to the selection committee's attention