PhD fellowship in Informality in the non-Western world: unorthodox political economy approaches

The environment

The School of Law and Government at Dublin City University is a fast-growing community of students and staff dedicated to studying the puzzles, problems, and opportunities of the contemporary world. We offer challenging programmes and undertake ambitious research across a wide range of subjects in law, development, geography, politics, and international relations.

The focus

The School has recently increased its attention towards a number of world regions from Central to Southeast Asia and more recently Africa and Latin America thanks also to the recent Post-pandemic resilient communities: is the informal economy a reservoir for the next generation of digitalized and green businesses in the Global South?

To further our current focus, we are now inviting applications for a PhD candidate to start in September 2024 and to join our international team. We would particularly welcome candidates willing to work on the non-Western world challenging orthodox economic and political economy approaches. Because of our current projects, we would have a slight preference on Southeast Asia as a region to build further synergies but we will consider good proposals on any other world regions. An overview on the meaning(s) of informality and how they could be used for your project can be found in the article "what is informality" openly accessible to anyone.

You will be enrolled as a PhD student with a stipend of €22,000 for up to four years and the possibility to build synergies with other projects managed by the school and will be working together with Prof Abel Polese and Prof Michael Breen whose profiles (in hyperlink) you’re welcome to check to ensure that your preferred topic falls within our competencies.

If you're interested, please send by 25 April to abel.polese@dcu.ie

- a CV with some potential referees
- a 3-5 page proposal
- transcripts of degrees that would enable you to enroll in PhD studies (usually MA or Msc)

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