

## **Fellowship Program on Exiting Violence**

Thanks to the generosity of the Carnegie Corporation of New York and in coordination with the Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme (FMSH) in Paris, Columbia Global Centers | Amman (Amman Center) has co-established a six-month virtual fellowship to support scholars working in the social sciences on themes relating to exiting violence.

While there is a substantial amount of research on the issue of violence as well as on its causes and modalities, very little research has been done on the issue of 'exiting' violence. Thus, this virtual fellowship program aims to involve researchers, including young researchers, - from the MENA region and provide them with opportunities to investigate how to exit violence by analyzing the processes involved in exiting violence as part of an ongoing dialogue with policy-makers and practitioners.

Fellows will be part of the International Panel on Exiting Violence (IPEV), which is a multidisciplinary community of researchers and specialists internationally recognized for their work on contemporary forms of violence.

During the six-month virtual fellowship, fellows are expected to produce and publish articles and op-ed pieces on exiting violence in publications in the region, as well as in international online publications (such as The Conversation, the Huffington Post, Slate, etc.), participate in a series of virtual webinars, and contribute by offering recommendations in video or podcast format to international, regional and national institutions, policy-makers, NGO representatives, and practitioners on this issue.

Support mechanisms for Fellows include:

- Creating collaborations between researchers in the MENA region and their peers in the U.S. and Europe;
- Enhancing visibility of the issues addressed by IPEV in the media and among policymakers internationally;
- Disseminating the research work and ideas through media content;
- Building capacity of researchers through access to two virtual training workshops designed by the Columbia Writing Center and the Journalism School; and,
- Fostering a network of fellows by linking them to other related Columbia initiatives that support social science researchers.

## **Eligibility**

Eligible candidates are scholars:

- from the MENA region;
- in the social sciences who have been researching and publishing on issues of exiting violence, and identifying good practices for exiting contemporary forms of violence and their tragic consequences including exile and forced migration.

Fellows are expected to investigate how to put an end to these issues and to provide solutions to these crises. They will be thinking about? the exit of violence at the various levels where it is used (de-radicalization, disengagement, reconciliation, memories of groups and individuals, etc.).

Related themes include:

- For a Comparative Anthropological, and Contextualized Approach to Radicalization
- De-radicalization
- Between Salafism, Sectarianism, and Violence
- Separatism and Exiting Violence
- Women and Violence with a Gendered Approach: MENA Region and Diaspora
- Uses and Misuses of Memory
- Public Policies Against Violence
- Reconciliation and Justice
- Roles of Strong States and Weak States in the Production of Violence in the Arab World
- Reconstructing the Self

Applicants must submit a dossier that includes the following materials by **September 15, 2021**:

- A curriculum vita that includes academic credentials and professional experience;
- A personal statement (two pages) that includes motivation for applying to this program, as well as a description of research work in relation to transitioning from violence;
- A proposal describing the research that will be undertaken during the six-month fellowship;
- One to two writing samples/publications;

- Letter of recommendation from an academic colleague who is familiar with applicant's previous work; and,
- Copies of academic transcripts.

Please direct any inquiries regarding eligibility to Nour Laswi, Program Officer of the Fellowship Program on Exiting Violence, at [nl2795@columbia.edu](mailto:nl2795@columbia.edu)

### **Terms and conditions**

Fellows will receive a stipend of USD \$6,000 for a six-month fellowship, and will have access to a virtual training at Columbia University.

### **How to apply?**

Please send all the materials listed in section 2 (eligibility requirements) in a combined pdf file to: Lina Sharaan, Senior Human Resources and Finance Officer, at [ls3002@columbia.edu](mailto:ls3002@columbia.edu), with the subject line: Application - Fellowship Program on Exiting Violence.

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Columbia University is one of the world's most important centers of research and teaching, providing a distinguished learning environment for undergraduates and graduate students in many scholarly and professional fields. The University recognizes the importance of its location in New York City and seeks to link its research and teaching to the vast resources of a great metropolis. It also seeks to attract a diverse and international faculty and student body, to support research and teaching on global issues, and to create academic relationships with many countries and regions. It expects all areas of the University to advance knowledge and learning at the highest level and to convey the products of its efforts to the world.

The Columbia Global Centers are a vibrant network of nine centers around the world that connect cities and regions with each other and with Columbia University in New York City. The Centers are located in Amman, Beijing, Istanbul, Mumbai, Nairobi, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, and Tunis. This network forms the core element of

Columbia's global strategy, which is to expand the University's ability to contribute positively to the world by advancing research, learning, discussion, and discovery around the most important global issues through a truly global perspective. The Global Centers serve as an extension of the University's core belief that a global presence is essential to the highest levels of excellence in addressing global challenges with complex dimensions, formulating innovation interventions, advancing new knowledge, and educating future leaders.

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