



**OPEN CALL FOR A POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH POSITION, WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT RECONSTITUTING EUROPEAN
DEMOCRACY (FUNDED BY THE SIXTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME OF THE
EUROPEAN COMMISSION)**

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- Universidad de León is one of 19 partners in the integrated research project “RECON – Reconstituting Democracy in Europe”. RECON runs from 2007 to 2011 and is funded by the European Commission’s Sixth Framework Programme. Dr. Agustín José Menéndez of the Universidad de León is the research leader of RECON’s work package 7 on “The Political Economy of the European Union”. More information about the project at: www.reconproject.eu
- One research contract for 12 months, renewable up to a total of 36 months, is available in order to undertake research under the RECON project, and more specifically, under work package 7. Research will be supervised by Dr. Menéndez. The researcher is required to engage full-time in the project, and the monthly salary will be of 1370 euros (or an annual gross of 16440 euros); health insurance is also provided under the national health insurance system. The contract will start on July 1st 2007, and could at maximum be renewed until June 30th, 2010.
- Candidates must be law or political science graduates. Post-graduate studies, such as completed LL.Ms or PhDs in disciplines or themes relevant to the research project will be very positively considered.
- Candidates should be acquainted with the legal and politico-scientific research on European integration, and very specifically, on the law and politics of the European Union.
- Candidates must be fluent in English, and preferably in French or German; knowledge of any other official languages of the European Union (and in particular, Spanish) or applicant countries will be positively considered.
- Preference will be given to candidates with a previous research experience, to be assessed by reference to international publications, papers presented at international workshops or conferences, or previous experience in collective research projects.
- A specific schedule of all commitments and obligations of the researcher will be included in the contract. Assuming the contract is extended to the total period of thirty six months, the researcher will be required to undertake advanced research leading to intermediate publications in peer-reviewed journals, and to a final deliverable in the form of a monograph on “European taxation, state liability and mutual trust” by July 2010. The researcher could be required to devote up to 20% of the time to organisational tasks directly related to his/her research topic and to the activities of the research project. The candidate is also expected to attend the meetings and follow the activities of the research project. Failure to comply with these obligations, and very especially with the production of deliverables in time, would result in the justified dismissal of the researcher.
- The researcher will be required to keep a proper record of the time devoted to different activities, to be filled in at the end of each month.

Candidates should send their cv and a statement of purpose (of circa 800 words) by email to agustin.menendez@unileon.es with copy (cc) to recvi@unileon.es. Only applications by email will be accepted.

Deadline for sending applications is June 22nd, 2007, at 12:00 am CET