



# Maynooth University Ollscoil Mhá Nuad

## Department of Media Studies Post-Doctoral Researcher (17 Month Contract)

### The Role

Maynooth University is committed to a strategy in which the primary University goals of excellent research and scholarship and outstanding education are interlinked and equally valued.

We are seeking a Postdoctoral Researcher to work in the **Horizon Europe project *RESIST: Fostering Queer Feminist Intersectional Resistances against Transnational Anti-Gender Politics***.

The successful applicant will work in the first phase of the RESIST project, which addresses the 'anti-gender' politics that imperil equality, gender and sexual diversity in contemporary Europe. These politics represent a serious threat to modern democratic formations and people's everyday survival, bodily integrity, and self-determination. They misrepresent the social order, inverting hierarchies that continue to structure democratic societies, by constructing the nation as under threat from 'imported' and 'destructive' 'gender ideologies'. As they gain ground across and beyond Europe, anti-gender mobilisations seek to narrow the space of feminist resistance and to claw back any hard-fought achievements of gender equality and inclusion of sexual diversity, which makes a reflective and coalitional feminist response ever more urgent.

RESIST responds to this by creating new understandings of the mobilisation and effects of anti-gender politics and enhancing their effective contestation in theory and practice. It aims to do so by mapping the mobilisation of anti-gender politics across Europe; researching its effects and consequences; learning from and amplifying everyday resistance and counter-strategies, and reinvigorating feminist theories in the face of anti-democratic threats.

### Principal Duties

#### Research and other duties:

- The successful applicant will work with Dr Gavan Titley in the Dept of Media Studies on the first phase of the project.



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- This will involve mapping and analyzing anti-gender strategies and mobilisations in four national case studies – Poland, Hungary, UK, and Switzerland – and through large-scale analyses of data from parliamentary debates, political publications, and legacy and social media content.
- The researcher will work as part of a multinational team, conducting data gathering and analysis in multiple languages, and taking the lead on designing databases and research templates which will be used subsequently in the project.

#### The ideal candidate will have:

- A PhD in Media and Communication Studies, Sociology, Political Science or a cognate social science field.
- They will have demonstrable expertise in content and data analysis methods, and in building and managing research databases.
- They will preferably have experience of quantitative media content analysis, social media analytics, and digital archival research.
- Experience of and interest in the themes of RESIST is an advantage but not a prerequisite.
- The researcher will work in English, a knowledge of French for the Switzerland case study would be a plus.
- The chosen applicant is expected to reside in the Republic of Ireland when working for Maynooth University and RESIST.

## Faculty and Research Institutes

The Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies & Philosophy comprises the Departments of Ancient Classic, English, History, Media Studies, Music, Philosophy, the School of Celtic Studies, and the School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures. The role of the Faculty is to co-ordinate the academic activities of individual departments, to oversee the strategic development of departments, and to support interdepartmental activities and programmes. The University has also developed a number of interdisciplinary Institutes to support excellent research and to build research capacity across disciplines.

## Department

The Department of Media Studies has 8 staff and offers undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, based on its research strengths in media and politics, film studies, digital cultures and production studies in a vibrant learning environment.

## The University

Maynooth University) is a very distinctive university, a collegial institution focused on science and engineering, humanities, and social sciences, and equally committed to research, teaching and community engagement. Located in Ireland's only university town, its distinctive features and character owe much to its unique history and heritage. It provides a high-quality educational experience to over 13,500 students on a campus with 18<sup>th</sup> century roots and 21<sup>st</sup> century dynamism.

The strategic trajectory and accomplishments of Maynooth University, in the twenty years since its establishment as an autonomous public university, are exceptional, and a source of great pride to the university community, staff, students and alumni. Maynooth University is now acknowledged to be one



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of the leading young universities in the world, ranked 43<sup>rd</sup> in the latest Times Higher Education (THE) 'Young Universities' list. Maynooth University's growing global reputation is based on the originality, quality, importance and impact of its research and scholarship, commitment to teaching and learning, the quality of academic programmes, and its leadership in widening participation in higher education. The sources of success are the dedication of its staff and the energy and engagement of its students.

Maynooth University is a place of lively contrasts – a modern institution, dynamic, rapidly-growing, research-led and engaged, yet grounded in historic academic strengths and scholarly traditions. With over 13,500 students Maynooth offers a range of programmes at undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral level in the humanities, science and engineering and social sciences, including business, law and education. The University also offers a range of international programmes and partnerships.

Maynooth's unique collegial culture fosters an interdisciplinary approach to research, which its world-class academics bring to bear in tackling some of the most fundamental challenges facing society today. The University's research institutes and centres consolidate and deliver this impact as vibrant communities of learning, discovery and creation. Research at Maynooth also is very much central to its teaching and the University prides itself on placing equal value on its research and teaching missions.

### Principles and Values

Maynooth University is committed to the following values:

- Scholarly rigour;
- Academic freedom;
- Integrity and ethical behaviour;
- Collegiality, transparency and trust;
- Equality, inclusiveness and social justice;
- Operational excellence, organisational flexibility and responsiveness;
- Dignity, respect and care for the individual.

### Strategy 2018 - 2022

The University's Strategic Plan 2018-22 builds from a position of confidence. Maynooth University is a University with ambition, vision and values, a clear identity and sense of purpose, a history of achievement, and a future of considerable promise. The Strategy builds on the University's accomplishments and concentrates institutional energy and resources on further development of research and postgraduate education.

**For more information please visit <http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/about-us/university-strategic-plan>**

### Selection and Appointment

- Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend for interview;
- Candidates invited for interview will be required to make a brief presentation;
- It is anticipated that interviews will be held during the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2022 (in-person or online to be determined);
- The appointment is expected to be effective from 1 October 2022.



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## Equality and Diversity

Maynooth University values the enrichment that comes from a diverse community and seeks to promote equality, prevent discrimination and protect the human rights of each individual. To learn more about our commitment to Equality and Diversity, please read the Maynooth University [Equality and Diversity Policy](#). Additionally, as an [Athena SWAN Bronze Award](#) Institute, we are committed to advancing gender equality across the University.

We aim to reflect the diversity of the community we serve and welcome applications from all individuals, in particular from people underrepresented in our workforce.

## Terms and Conditions

This is a 17-month contract post at the grade of Postdoctoral Researcher, effective from 1 October 2022.

The place of work is the campus of Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

## Data Protection Law

Maynooth University will process any personal data provided by you in connection with an application for this role in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Acts 2018.

If your application is successful and you accept an offer of employment at Maynooth University, then your personal data will continue to be processed in accordance with Maynooth University's Staff Data Privacy Notice.

Both the privacy notices and further information relating to data protection, including Maynooth University's other data protection policies and processes, can be viewed at <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/data-protection>

## Salary

Post-doctoral Researcher (2022): €39,523 per annum

Appointments will be made in accordance with public sector pay provisions.

## Application Procedure

### Closing Date:

23:30hrs (local Irish time) on **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022.**

Please note all applications must be made via our **Online Recruitment Portal** at the following link:

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/human-resources/vacancies>



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Applications must be submitted by the closing date and time specified above. Any applications which are still in progress at the closing time on the specified closing date will be cancelled automatically by the system.

Late applications will not be accepted.

**Maynooth University is an equal opportunities employer**

**The position is subject to the Statutes of the University**



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