



Ollscoil Mhá Nuad Maynooth University

Department of History Postdoctoral Researcher (Specified Purpose 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 an excellent scholar to join a project team led by Prof. Raul Cârstocea, who has been awarded a European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant for a project entitled *Insurgent Temporalities: Fascism as a Global Anti-Universalist Project* (INTEMPO). The postdoctoral researcher will be part of a team undertaking a novel analysis of fascism during the interwar period and the Second World War, understood as a global phenomenon. They will engage in archival research, co-organise the activities of the project and contribute to the publications ensuing from them, and co-lead with the PI one of the work packages of the project, as detailed below. They will have the opportunity to develop their research, both individually and as part of a team of ambitious scholars.

This specified purpose contract is offered on a full-time basis anticipated to be 30 months in duration. The expected start date will be 1st October 2025 or as soon as possible thereafter. A part-time working arrangement may be considered for this role.

INTEMPO

Insurgent Temporalities: Fascism as a Global Anti-Universalist Project (INTEMPO) is funded by the European Research Council (ERC), as part of the ERC Consolidator Grant 2024 scheme of Horizon Europe, grant number no. 101170033. Led by Prof. Raul Cârstocea (Principal Investigator), the project investigates the global spread of fascism during the interwar period, particularly with a view to the transnational connections established by fascist movements and regimes. INTEMPO hypothesises that, despite their national specificities, fascist movements and regimes around the world recognised their commonalities and drew inspiration from, as well as engaged with, like-minded activists abroad. It argues that, while the significant differences between fascist organisations were a consequence of different national pasts in diverse contexts, fascists shared a common vision of a future 'New Order' that allowed them to see themselves as part of a European or, indeed, global fascist moment. This hypothesis will be tested against a number of case studies of fascist movements, within and outside of Europe, through archive-based research into their ideology and practices.

For more information on the project, you can visit this website:

<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101170033>.



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For more information on the profile of the Principal Investigator, see:
<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/people/raul-carstocea>.

Principal Duties

Working as postdoctoral researcher within the project framework, the successful candidate will be a conceptual or cultural historian undertaking thematic transnational analysis and producing research outputs aligned with the overall objectives of INTEMPO. They will co-lead together with the project PI, Prof. Raul Cârstocea, Work Package 1 (WP1), entitled 'The fascist politics of time', and, jointly with all team members, contribute to WP4, 'Fascism as a global anti-universalist project', which brings together the three research strands in the project to generate a paradigm shift in our understanding of global fascism. The postdoctoral researcher will pay particular attention to the intellectual / conceptual roots of fascism in the late 19th century and the period before the First World War, with a view to transnational networks and the vectors of transmission of an emerging far-right ideology, including to spaces outside of Europe.

They will also focus on the temporal realignment that was essential to the political visions of fascist movements and regimes, whose notions of time and power were co-constitutive. In addition to focusing on the transnational circulation of ideas, the postdoctoral research will also undertake primary research on the case study of India, as an example showing intense connections with all three Axis regimes, as well as a number of activists and organisations that engaged with fascism.

Specific duties include:

- Conducting research and engaging in scholarship of quality and substance within INTEMPO;
- Co-leading with the project PI WP1 of the project – 'The fascist politics of time' – and contributing to WP4, 'Fascism as a global anti-universalist project';
- Contributing to the organisation of and participating with paper presentations in all the activities of INTEMPO: three thematic workshops and a final conference;
- Disseminating research and scholarly outputs through presentations at national and international conferences;
- Publishing a minimum of three peer-reviewed research articles in leading peer-reviewed journals and contributing as co-editor and author to the edited volume resulting from the final conference;
- Contributing regularly to the project's website;
- Participating in the training, coordination, and mentoring of PhD researchers;
- Assisting the PI with occasional administrative tasks undertaken within the remit of INTEMPO.

The ideal candidate will have:

Essential

- A PhD in Modern History;
- Minimum of two years relevant post-doctoral research experience;
- An internationally recognized research profile, demonstrated by publications in leading peer-reviewed journals, demonstrating potential to become a significant contributor in their field;
- Excellent knowledge of French and working knowledge of another Latin language (Italian, Spanish, Portuguese);
- Experience working as part of a team in a major, multi-year research project;
- Demonstrable expertise in conceptual, cultural, and/or intellectual history;
- Experience of undertaking archival research;
- Excellent organisational, teamwork, and communication skills.



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Desirable

- Demonstrable experience working on transnational and/or global history;
- Familiarity with archives and research libraries in the United Kingdom and availability to carry out primary research therein;
- Demonstrable interest in the study of time and temporality;
- Experience organising academic events and/or co-editing academic publications (journal special issues, edited volumes).
- Capacity for theoretical, interdisciplinary, and/or comparative work.

Faculty and Research Institutes

The Faculty of Arts and Humanities comprises the Departments of Ancient Classics, English, History, Media Studies, Music and Philosophy, as well as 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 programmes. The University has also developed a number of interdisciplinary institutes to support excellent research and to build research capacity across disciplines, and the INTEMPO team is affiliated with the Arts and Humanities Institute (AHI).

Department

The Department of History, one of the largest in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, has 20 academic staff, whose interests cover Irish, European, American and World topics. It offers undergraduate and postgraduate degrees to PhD level and has an excellent reputation for its scholarship, teaching, and research supervision. It currently offers four MA programmes (European History, Irish History, Military History and Strategic Studies, and Local History). It also houses two European Research Council projects. Applicants are invited to familiarize themselves with the Department by visiting its website, at: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/history>.

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 15,000 students on a campus with 18th century roots and 21st century dynamism.

The strategic trajectory and accomplishments of Maynooth University, in the 25 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 in 2024 ranked in the top 90 global Times Higher Education (THE) Young University rankings, placing 86th in the world. 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 15,000 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.

Maynooth University's Values

Our values define who we are, what we believe in and how we act as a community. They underpin our future success and guide our expectations of ourselves and each other. Our values apply to everyone in the University community:

- Integrity
- Collegiality
- Responsibility
- Freedom of expression
- Ambition

Maynooth University Strategic Plan 2023 – 2028

The University's Strategic Plan 2023 - 2028 builds on our rich academic history and strong foundations to set out an ambitious and forward-looking path for the future of our University. This roadmap underscores our commitment to adapt to a changing world while staying true to our values. Our vision is to be a university of excellence, opportunity and impact, having a significant stake in all three.

For more information about Maynooth University's future direction, please visit:
<https://strategy.maynoothuniversity.ie/>

Plean Straitéiseach Ollscoil Mhá Nuad 2023 - 2028

Tógann Plean Straitéiseach na hOllscoile 2023 - 2028 ar ár stair acadúil shaibhir agus ar ár mbunchlocha láidre chun conair uaillmhianach agus cheannródaíoch a leagadh amach do thodhchaí ár nOllscoile. Soiléiríonn an treochlár seo ár dtiomantas do dhul i dtaithí ar dhomhan atá ag síorathrú agus ár ngníomhaíochtaí a chur in oiriúint dó, agus san am céanna a bheith dílis dár luachanna Ollscoile. Is í an fhís atá againn a bheith mar ollscoil feabhais, deiseanna agus tionchair, agus lámh láidir a bheith againn i ngach ceann de na trí ghné seo.

Léigh anseo le haghaidh breis eolais faoi thodhchaí Ollscoil Mhá Nuad:
<https://strategy.maynoothuniversity.ie/?lang=ga>

Selection and Appointment

- Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend for interview.
- Appointments will be approved by the President based on the report of the selection board;
- It is anticipated that interviews will be held in September 2025;
- The appointment is expected to be effective from 1st October 2025 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Equality and Diversity

Maynooth University actively works to ensure equality, celebrate the diversity of our community, and promote inclusion. To learn more about our commitment to Equality and Diversity, please read the Maynooth University [Equality and Diversity Policy](#) / [Polasaí Comhionannais agus Éagsúlachta](#), our



policy on the [Employment of People with Disabilities](#), and our [Gender Equality Action Plan 2023-2026](#). We aim to reflect the diversity of the community we serve and welcome applications from all individuals across our society.

Terms and Conditions

Tenure	<p>This a full time, temporary post for a specified purpose, anticipated to be 30 months duration.</p> <p>A part-time working arrangement may be considered.</p> <p>Project end date is anticipated to be 31/05/2030.</p>
Location	The place of work is the campus of Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
Salary	<p>Postdoctoral Researcher (2025): €45,847 – €46,441p.a. (2 points)</p> <p>Appointments will be made in accordance with public sector pay provisions.</p>
Hours of work	<p>A 37-hour working week is in operation in respect of full-time positions (pro-rated for part-time positions).</p> <p>This can be reviewed or adjusted from time to time through national agreements.</p>
Annual Leave	<p>Annual leave and public holidays are provided for in the University policy: https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/human-resources/policies/annual-leave-policy</p> <p>Annual leave will be allocated on a pro-rata basis for part-time and temporary positions.</p>
University policies and schemes	<p>Employees of the University will be subject to the terms of the University policies and schemes, available on the University website at:</p> <p>https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/university-policies</p> <p>https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/human-resources/policies</p>
Pension	<p>This is a pensionable post. Employees of the University will enter into a public sector pension scheme, and as such, applicants must ensure they are eligible to become a member of a public sector pension scheme for the duration of the appointment. Details of the public sector pension schemes are available at: https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/human-resources/pension-information</p>
Eligibility	<p>Applicants should note that eligibility is determined by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. Further information regarding eligibility is available at: https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/what-we-do/workplace-and-skills/employment-permits/employment-permit-eligibility/</p> <p>Non-EEA applicants are responsible for ensuring they can secure a visa to travel to Ireland. Any offer of employment is conditional on applicants securing the appropriate employment permissions.</p>



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	<p>Former Irish Public Service employees - Certain Restrictions on Eligibility</p> <p>Eligibility of applicants formerly employed by an Irish Public Sector body, and who availed of an Irish Public Service Redundancy or Incentivised Retirement Scheme under the Schemes below, may be affected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collective Agreement: Redundancy Payments to Public Servants • Incentivised Scheme for Early Retirement (ISER) • Department of Health and Children Circular (7/2010) • Department of Environment, Community & Local Government (Circular Letter LG(P) 06/2013) <p>Applicants should ensure that they are eligible to be re-engaged in the Irish Public Service under the terms of such Schemes. Applicants should address queries with their former Irish Public Sector employer.</p>
Garda vetting	Garda vetting or clearance may be required by the University.
Medical	The University may require a medical examination as a condition of employment.

Data Protection Law

Applications to the University will be treated in accordance with the University Data Protection Policies. For information on the University's Data Protection Policies and Privacy Notice, please see our website: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/data-protection>

Application Procedure

Closing Date:

23:30hrs (local Irish time) on **Sunday, 10th August 2025**.

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

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

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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