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## MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS 2019

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HOSTING MARIE CURIE FELLOWS

#### HOST INSTITUTION

NOVA School of Law | CEDIS – Research Center on Law and Society

#### RESEARCH GROUP AND URL

Law, Politics and Participation  
<http://cedis.fd.unl.pt/law-politics-and-participation/>

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#### SHORT CV OF THE SUPERVISOR

Soraya Nour Sckell is Associate Professor at the Law School of the Universidade Nova de Lisboa. She is researcher at CEDIS (Law School of the Universidade Nova de Lisboa) and at the Center of Philosophy of the University of Lisbon. She is also director of the research program on cosmopolitanism at the Collège International de Philosophie in Paris and Principal Investigator of the Project "Cosmopolitanism: Justice, Democracy and Citizenship without Borders". She received the Wolfgang Kaupen-Preis (German Society for Sociology, section Sociology of Law, 2018) and the German-French Friendship Prize (Ambassy of Germany in Paris, 2012). She has obtained a PhD in Philosophy from the University Paris Nanterre and the Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main (thesis in cotutela, 2012) and a PhD in Law from the University of Sao Paulo (1999). She has done post-doc research at the Universities of Saint Louis (SLU), Nanterre, Frankfurt a.M. and Berlin (Humboldt University) and taught at the Universities of Sao Paulo, Munich, Metz, Lille, and Lisbon, as well as at the University Portucalense. She is the vice-president of the Association Humboldt France.

#### 5 SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Nour Sckell, Soraya. Le droit, de la théorie critique à la théorie de la reconnaissance. In: Olivier, Alain-Patrick (ed.) *Théories de la reconnaissance et critique sociale*. Lyon: Edition de l'Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon, 2019;
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- Nour Sckell, Soraya. Kelsens Rechtstheorie, Psychoanalyse, Soziologie und Kollektivwissenschaft, *Zeitschrift für Kultur- und Kollektivwissenschaft (ZKKW)* Vol. 2, Nº 1, p. 47 – 70, 2016;
- Nour Sckell, Soraya. Droit et démocratie chez Hans Kelsen. La critique kelsénienne à la personnalisation

de l'Etat. *Trans-form-ação*. Vol. 38, Nº 1, p. 57-80, 2015.

## PROJECT TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION

### ***Cosmopolitanism: Justice, Democracy and Citizenship without Borders***

This project responds to current developments in the global scene concerning the status of a human being considered as a citizen of the world ("cosmopolitan") and not of a particular state. These developments demand a deep reformulation of state-centered modern theories of justice, democracy and citizenship. The project is concerned with a range of issues, including racism, nationalism, xenophobia, and problems related to migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, stateless, displaced persons, ethnical minorities, and indigenous people. The project has the following five goals:

- 1) to develop a paradigm of "cosmopolitanism" as world vision that considers the construction of a "cosmopolitan self" as a question of justice. Most of the cosmopolitan theories, ignoring identity issues, cannot explain why the universal does not resist nationalism, racism and xenophobia.
- 2) to elaborate a model of "cosmopolitan local democracy" that, different to modern democratic theory, considers a local political-legal order as fully democratic only if it respects the environment and the human rights of all people of the world regardless of their citizenship.
- 3) to formulate a concept of "cosmopolitan cross-border citizenship" that reformulates the modern conception of citizenship and representation for not having a territorial referential and the dimension of authorization. This would explain the practice of cross-border associations of individuals, institutionalized or not.
- 4) to construct a legal category of "cosmopolitan law" that would reformulate the conceptions of modern international law centered on the state, considering individuals as subjects of international law. This would explain two legal developments: the rights to individual petition on human rights and the individual responsibility in international criminal law.
- 5) to create a form of ecological consciousness based on the relationship between cosmopolitanism and the cosmos, which would imply a profound revision of modern anthropocentric conceptions.

Methodologically, this project unites both a state-centered and an individual-centric perspective on the global scene. This informs a normative reflection, an empirical analysis of conjuncture and an examination of legal texts and trials. This interdisciplinary work will be assured by an interdisciplinary team, from different institutions of Portugal, Spain, France, Germany and Brazil.

A platform for cosmopolitanism studies will be created, which will benefit large numbers of people and serve as a model for further research. The dissemination of our research will contribute not only to academic research, but also to national debates, to better inform the public and for NGO and governmental agency work.

## SCIENTIFIC AREA WHERE THE PROJECT FITS BEST

Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC) – Law | Political and Social Philosophy | Political Science and Sociology