

## MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS 2024

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HOSTING MARIE CURIE FELLOWS

#### HOST INSTITUTION

NOVA FCSH  
CHAM — Centre for the Humanities  
<https://cham.fcsh.unl.pt/en/home.php>

#### RESEARCH GROUP AND URL

Early Modern and Contemporary Thought

<https://cham.fcsh.unl.pt/en/research-groups-presentation.php?p=1424>

Thematic Line “Theory and methodology”: <https://cham.fcsh.unl.pt/en/thematic-lines-detail.php?p=2113>

#### SUPERVISOR (NAME AND E-MAIL)

Pablo Sánchez León  
[pleon@fcsh.unl.pt](mailto:pleon@fcsh.unl.pt)

#### SHORT CV OF THE SUPERVISOR

My academic profile is deeply interdisciplinary and specialized in historical periods of transition. I did my doctoral thesis and postdoctoral specialization in comparative historical sociology of social change, a field built from the dialogue between social history and social sciences, which I applied to social conflicts from the Middle Ages to the Early Modern period in Spain. The history of citizenship from the perspective of social mobilization and changes in collective identities has been one of the topics I have been working on since, though shifting the study to another transition period, from the Ancien Régime to modernity. Over time, my evolution from social history and historical sociology led me to reflect on the rationality of social action and questions of meaning, until I ended up in conceptual history. In this field I have been a pioneer for the Iberoamerican world. Within conceptual history I have devoted quite a lot of work to issues of temporality. I’m also interested in critically reshaping the narrative framework of national historiographies.

I did my PhD at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (1993) and made postdoctoral trainings at the Center for Social Theory and Comparative History de UCLA (1994-95) and Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (1996-1999); I was visiting professor at Sabanci University in Istanbul (2004-05) before teaching the Faculty of Political Science and Sociology from Universidad Complutense de Madrid (2006-10). I have been a researcher in the Group “Intellectual History of Modern Politics” at Universidad del País Vasco (2010-18), and currently I’m a researcher at the CHAM Center for Humanities, where I coordinate the thematic line “Theory and methodology”.

● “La representación del comercio en España en la primera mitad del siglo XVIII: cambios culturales, agencia y efectos institucionales” [The representation of commerce in Spain in the first half of 18th century: cultural changes, agency and institutional effects]. In: Pablo Sánchez León, Carla Vieira y Nina Vieira (eds.), *Espelhos de Mercúrio: A representação do comércio nas Monarquias Ibéricas (1500-1800)*, Coimbra: Universidade de Coimbra, 2024, pp. 29-80.

● “El pueblo en el primer liberalismo hispano: lenguaje, identidad colectiva y representación política” [The people in the first hispanic Liberalism: language, collective identity and political representation], *Araucaria. Revista Iberoamericana de Filosofía, Política, Humanidades y Relaciones internacionales*, vol. 49, num. 24 (2022), pp. 473-498. <https://doi.org/10.12795.23.https://revistascientificas.us.es/index.php/araucaria/article/view/20307>.

● “La constitución mixta: una gramática elemental para la imaginación política en el paso a la modernidad” [The mixed constitution: an elementary grammar for political imagination in the passage to modernity]. In:

Francisco A. Ortega, Rafael E. Acevedo P. y Pablo Casanova Castañeda (eds.), *Horizontes de la historia conceptual en Iberoamérica. Trayectorias e incursiones*, Santander and Bogotá: Genuve/Universidad Nacional de Colombia, 2021, pp. 233-270. ISBN: 978-84-18452-02-4 (paperback); 978-84-18452-03-1 (ebook).

•“Science, Customs, and the Modern Subject: From Emulation to Education in the Semantics of Spanish Enlightenment”, *Contributions to the History of Concepts* 13/1 (2017), pp. 98-120. ISSN: 1807-9326. issn online: 1874-656X. <https://doi.org/10.3167/choc.2017.120107>.

•(co-editor, 1 of 14) Javier Fernández Sebastián (dir.) *Diccionario político y social del mundo iberoamericano. Conceptos políticos fundamentales, 1770-1870* [Political and social dictionary of the Ibero-american world. Fundamental political concepts, 1770-1870] Madrid, Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales – Universidad del País Vasco, 2014, 10 volumes.

### Early Modern colonial revolts in the Iberian empires, 1500-1820

#### The culture of commerce and the representation of merchants in the Iberian empires, 18<sup>th</sup> century

Trade became an indispensable magnitude of power in interstate relations since the end of the 17th century throughout the European world, as well as in relations with other global empires. The focus of this project is to trace the influence of the language of commerce on both metropolitan and colonial Iberian cultures throughout the long 18th century and up to the crisis of the Old Regime. The objective is to show how concepts related to commercial activity contributed to significantly transform conceptions about human action and the individual subject, as well as public policies and reforms in the Portuguese and Hispanic empires; likewise, it is about studying the changes in the representation of commerce, both at a social and identity level and around proposals for the creation and development of collective representation organizations of merchants for policy-making purposes.

### SCIENTIFIC AREA WHERE THE PROJECT FITS BEST\*

Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)

**\*Scientific Area where the project fits best** – Please select/indicate the scientific area according to the panel evaluation areas: Chemistry (CHE) • Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC) • Economic Sciences (ECO) • Information Science and Engineering (ENG) • Environment and Geosciences (ENV) • Life Sciences (LIF) • Mathematics (MAT) • Physics (PHY)