



**Fully funded research secondment opportunities for University of Warsaw doctoral students on EU H2020 project *Disputed Territories and Memory*.
Deadline for applications: March 8, 2020**

University of Warsaw doctoral students in social science and humanities are invited by the Institute of Sociology, UW, to participate in [Disputed Territories and Memory](#) (DisTerrMem), a project run by British-Polish-Armenian-Pakistani consortium, funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme.

DisTerrMem brings together an international team of researchers from six organisations who are working collaboratively to explore the management of competing memories of disputed territories across borders. Territorial disputes are major causes of international conflict. Their impact on societies and individuals continues to be felt long after the political resolution of the conflict. How the past is collectively remembered and understood plays a key role in framing the current perspectives and identities of communities, cultures and individuals. This, in turn, affects the potential for future dialogue, understanding and peace.

The novelty of the DisTerrMem project lies in its intention to explore the management of competing memories in non-conflictual ways in the context of peace-building, rather than seeking to impose shared interpretations of history that fail to take into account the identities and interests of the diverse parties involved. Working across three key regions (Europe, South Asia and the South Caucasus), the project will explore the roles of nation states, regional organisations, civil society groups and cultural practitioners in managing diverse memories, and will culminate in the development of a new and innovative model for understanding the successful management of competing memories of disputed territories.

Collaboration involves:

- ❖ at least a month-long research stay in Armenia (Yerevan) and/or Pakistan (Lahore) between May 2020 and January 2022,
- ❖ writing a DisTerrMem blog entry on that stay,
- ❖ an opportunity to co-author an international publication.

We are looking for:

- ❖ current social science or humanities doctoral students (UW) interested in social, cultural or political memory processes seen from an international perspective,
- ❖ well organized, articulate team players with at least B2/C1 English.

Our preferences go to candidates:

- ❖ ready for longer stays: Armenia up to three months and/or to Pakistan up to four months,
- ❖ writing a dissertation related to the range of interest of the DisTerrMem,
- ❖ experienced in collaborative projects,
- ❖ with command of local languages.

Foreign stay funding and arrangements:

- ❖ 2,100 Euro/month of travel and living expenses,
- ❖ local institutions help arrange accommodation and facilitate research.

Application procedure...

- ❖ ... is simple. By March 8th, 2020 please send to [wawrzyniak\[at\]is.uw.edu.pl](mailto:wawrzyniak[at]is.uw.edu.pl)
 - a motivation letter in English,
 - your cv,
 - and one publication in English or Polish or one chapter of your MA thesis or doctoral dissertation (in Polish or English). E-mail subject is: DisTerrMem application.
- ❖ Before applying make sure you get to know the details of the project from our website. <https://www.disterrmem.eu/> You will also find us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).
- ❖ Your application will have been responded to by the end of March 2020. We might want to interview the best candidates.
- ❖ Should you have questions, email Dr. Joanna Wawrzyniak [wawrzyniak\[at\]is.uw.edu.pl](mailto:wawrzyniak[at]is.uw.edu.pl)



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