The Centre for History at Sciences Po recruits one postdoctoral researcher in the history of modern North Africa and the Mediterranean, with an interest in the history of the end of slavery in Italy and North Africa from the mid-18th century to the 1930s.

The Centre for History at Sciences Po, in Paris, France, recruits one postdoctoral researcher in the history of modern North Africa and Italy for a 12-month period, renewable a second year, starting in September 2020. This position is opened as part of the project SLAVEVOICES, funded by the European Research Council (ERC) and supervised by Prof. M’hamed Oualdi, who specializes in early modern history of North Africa.

SLAVEVOICES aims at renewing our approach to the end of slavery by collecting and studying the testimonies of North African, West African and European slaves and their descendants written in Arabic, Ottoman Turkish and other European and African languages from the mid-18th century to the 1930s. Researchers involved in the project SLAVEVOICES will explore the reshaping of the connections that groups of slaves built up within North African societies and between this part of the Muslim world and other adjoining societies in Africa, Asia and Europe in the abolition era.

The successful applicant will collaborate with the principal investigator M. Oualdi on the development of the project and conduct archival and library research within the framework of the project’s objectives. This includes:

- finding, collecting and transcribing into English (or French) slave testimonies and ego-documents conceived by Italian slaves in North Africa, North African slaves in Italy, West African and East African slaves in colonial Libya;
- writing and publishing papers in peer-reviewed journal and/or a monograph related to the ERC research topic;
- presenting research papers at international workshops and conferences;
- contributing to popular dissemination of the research results;
- and undertaking administrative tasks related to the project.
The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. in hand or to be defended before September 2020. He or she will have a command of Italian, as well as writing and communications skills in English. The ability to read and translate other languages (such as Arabic, Ottoman Turkish and/or Latin) will be greatly appreciated. He or she will be expected to work full time on the project and participate in the academic life of Sciences Po and the Centre for History at Sciences Po.

The position comes with a competitive salary, benefits (health insurance) and a research budget for travel and research expenses. The chosen candidate will join the Centre for History at Sciences Po as a postdoctoral researcher and will be based in Paris with short or long-term research periods in Italy. The interested candidates are invited to submit:

- **A letter of application** (no more than 2 pages) explaining your qualifications and motivation for the project and the added value that you are expected to bring to the project;
- **A curriculum vitae** with a list of education, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience, other qualifying activities and a list of publications;
- Scanned copies of relevant diplomas and certificates;
- **A final report on your dissertation**;
- Representative sections of your dissertation (introduction, conclusion and two chapters) and a writing sample that is relevant to the ERC project;
- Contact information (email addresses, number phones) for two academic references (including your supervisor or former supervisor).

All documents in English, or in French, are to be sent in a single pdf file to slavevoices.erc@sciencespo.fr using the title “Application-SlaveVoices-Italy”

All queries can be addressed as well to slavevoices.erc@sciencespo.fr

**Application deadline**: April 15, 2020

The short-listed candidates will be interviewed by the beginning of May 2020 either in Paris or by visio-conference.