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**Proyecto Anillos PIA SOC180033 'Aspiration and everyday life under neoliberalism: a multi-sited ethnographic study of self-making in Chile'**

**Call for applications  
Postdoctoral Position**

The Anillos project on 'Aspiration and everyday life under neoliberalism' is a research group project funded by CONICYT (Comisión Nacional de Investigación Científica y Tecnológica) through PIA (Programa de Investigación Asociativa). It brings together three different Chilean universities and six researchers who work mainly in the field of anthropology. The aim of this Anillos project is to produce high standard, advanced and systematic ethnographic research on the current everyday life of Chile's inhabitants in the neoliberal context. The main institution is Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC) located in Santiago, Chile.

The present call for applications sits in the topic 2 of the Anillos project called 'Consumer culture and housing'. This topic focuses on the practices Chileans articulate in neoliberal times, exploring how materiality expresses the process of self-making they are subdued to, as well as simultaneously constituting selfhood itself.

**The position**

This Anillos project is opening a postdoctoral position for a 3 year period, starting preferably on March 2019. The successful candidate will collaborate with the rest of the main and associated researchers and particularly with Dr. Miguel Perez who leads topic 2 'Consumer culture and housing'.

The successful candidate is expected to conduct ethnographic-based research on low-income or working class urban neighborhoods in Chile in order to describe and analyze the everyday effects of material aspirations, consumerism, self-making and public policies addressed to poor subjects. For viability purposes due to the nature of ethnographic research, it is also expected that the successful candidate has already conducted ethnographic research in one or more of these kind of neighborhoods and in the aforementioned topic.

The postdoctoral researcher will be required to carry out fieldwork mostly during the first year, to write at least two WoS indexed papers during the remaining two years of the project and to participate in at least 1 congress during the second or third year. She/he is also expected to actively participate in Anillos' activities: academic seminars, undergraduate and master training and formation, working groups with public institutions and divulgation events and colloquiums with civil society.

The successful candidate will subscribe a contract with Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and will undergo evaluations by the end of the first and second years in order to renovate his/her position. She/he is also required to submit a postdoctoral proposal to FONDECYT<sup>1</sup> by the end of year 1 and year 2.

## **Requirements**

General:

- The candidate must hold a completed PhD degree in a discipline of Social Sciences, preferably in Social or Cultural Anthropology.
- The completion of the PhD must be dated no longer than 3 years ago.
- Basic Spanish language skills (conversational and reading) for research purposes.
- Fluency in English, particularly for writing purposes.

Specific:

- Experience doing extended ethnographic research in low-income or working class urban neighborhoods in Chile.
- Knowledge of the literature on neoliberalism, consumerism, materiality, marginality, personhood, economic and political anthropology, urban anthropology/sociology and history of contemporary Chile is desired.

The successful candidate will reside in Santiago, Chile. She/he will receive a monthly salary equivalent to FONDECYT Postdoctoral fellowship 2019 and expenses for research activities.

## **Process**

### **Application deadline: 27 of January, 2019**

To apply, send a letter of intent (500 words max), a tentative proposed research agenda, a copy of the PhD title or certificate, a sample of written work and a CV. Beside general

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<sup>1</sup> FONDECYT Fondo Nacional de Desarrollo Científico y Tecnológico (National Research Fund for Scientific Research). FONDECYT postdoctoral fellowship program is expected to open in June 2019.

information (name, address, education and publications), the CV must contain contact details of two academic recommenders. The research agenda must include the following information: a general research formulation, a summary of the doctoral thesis, objectives, methodology, work plan and advance work with information on the place where the applicant has conducted research in the past and its duration (2000 words max). The email message header should be titled "Postdoc Proyecto Anillos" and directed to Marcelo Gonzalez ([magonzalezg@uc.cl](mailto:magonzalezg@uc.cl)).

In the evaluation process a central aspect that will be taken into account is the coherence between the previous fieldwork and research themes developed by each candidate and the requirements of the Anillos' topic 2. After reading and analysing the antecedents of all candidates, the selection committee (integrated by Anillo's main researchers) will make a pre-selection short list. In the event that none of the candidates meet the main requirements as stated above, the call will be declared null and there will be a new call on a further date. The selected candidates will be interviewed in person, by telephone or through video conference and ranked on a final list. Finally, the committee will make the decision. The result of this call is expected to be announced in February 2019 through the PUC anthropology program web site and Anillos project web site if it is available. All the candidates will be contacted and informed by email regarding their evaluation and result.

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