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## COES - CENTRE FOR SOCIAL CONFLICT AND COHESION STUDIES

### Two Postdoctoral Research Positions in Chile

**Two Postdoctoral Research Positions at the Centre for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies, hosted at the Universidad de Chile, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez or Universidad Diego Portales.**

COES invites applications for two postdoctoral research positions aimed at producing cutting-edge scientific research using available data from a longitudinal panel study conducted in Chile. COES is a multidisciplinary centre that produces social science research on conflicts and social cohesion in Chile and informs policy making with evidenced based research.

In order to reach these goals, and using an international standard in the sampling design and measurement procedure, COES developed the Chilean Longitudinal Social Survey (ELSOC). This panel study, unique in Latin America, consists of annually surveying a representative sample of nearly 3,000 Chileans over a decade. It evaluates the way in which Chileans think, feel and behave regarding a set of social issues related to conflict and social cohesion in Chile.

COES is seeking **2 postdoctoral scholars** with a PhD in social science disciplines such as psychology, economics, sociology, geography, political science and other related disciplines with a clear interest in developing their own research agenda using the data from ELSOC (see a summary of the survey below). Qualified candidates must have a PhD (awarded within the last 5 years or expected to be awarded in the next 6 months) with a strong background in statistics and survey methodology and ideally with experience in analysing longitudinal data as well as strong writing skills.

All candidates must have clear interest in topics that fits into the Centre's research agenda such as social movements, political socialisation, social stratification, intergroup relations, social identity and intergroup contact, multidimensional inequalities, segregation, urban conflict, territorial inequality, legitimacy of the prevailing political and economic system. The postdoctoral scholars' primary responsibilities will be planning and conducting studies and preparing papers for publication and international conferences based on the available longitudinal survey data (ELSOC) in collaboration with COES researchers from different disciplines. Selected candidates will have the opportunity to undertake some teaching in English or Spanish, develop collaborations with a multidisciplinary research team and participate in the activities of COES.

The salary offered for this position is US\$ 30,000 per year approximately (precise amounts may vary depending on exchange rates). Each position is for two years, but renewal for the second year will be subject to meeting probational criteria.

We also welcome applications from post-docs who would like to undertake a joint post-doc with another Chilean or international partner institution. In this case, partner institutions will share in the cost of the post-doc appointment, and candidates may reside in another country as well as Chile.

Applications are open until **October 30, 2017**. Please send a motivational letter, curriculum vitae, summary of Ph.D. research, research ideas based on ELSOC data (no more than two pages) and two letters of support to [comunicaciones@coes.cl](mailto:comunicaciones@coes.cl) with the subject "POSTDOC ELSOC". The selected candidates will be interviewed in person or by video conference. COES academic board will make the final decision. The result of this call is expected to be announced in late November or early December 2017.

For further questions regarding ELSOC please contact Daniel Miranda ([damiranda@gmail.com](mailto:damiranda@gmail.com))





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## Summary of ELSOC : Chilean Longitudinal Social Survey

### Study Overview

The Centre for Conflict and Social Cohesion Studies (COES) is an interdisciplinary center funded by CONICYT's FONDAP program, which aims to generate cutting-edge scientific research, build advanced human capital and contribute to the development of public policies (see [www.coes.cl](http://www.coes.cl) for further information). In order to reach these goals, and using an international standard in the sampling design and measurement procedure, COES develop the "Chilean Longitudinal Social Survey" (ELSOC) (see further details in [www.elsoc.cl](http://www.elsoc.cl)).

This longitudinal panel study, unique in Chile and Latin America, consists of surveying nearly 3,000 Chileans annually over a decade. ELSOC has been designed to evaluate the way in which Chileans think, feel and behave regarding a set of social issues related to conflict and social cohesion in Chile. Because of its nature, it seeks to analyze, longitudinally, the main background, moderating and mediating factors, as well as the primary consequences associated with the development of the distinct forms of social conflict and cohesion in Chile. The territorial and geographic dimension constitutes a transversal aspect of the design and subsequent analysis of the results.

Among other topics, ELSOC seeks to analyze the perception that people have about the neighborhood or the community in which they live; forms of civic participation and formal political activity, attitudes toward democracy, pro-social behavior, primary and extended social networks, attitudes toward immigrants, economic inequality, employment, and socio-economic characterization. Given that these issues are integrated in a single survey, it would be possible to relate these aspects in comprehensive models to understand Chilean's social reality, incorporating contextual geospatial and social information (for details see table).

### Sample Design and measurement procedure

ELSOC's sample has been designed following a multi-stage probability approach, using a stratified sample (by city size). First, forty cities were randomly selected from tires with more than 10.000 habitants (from a total of 122 cities). In a second stage, 1067 urban blocks were randomly selected within the forty cities. Then, in a third stage households were randomly selected, and lastly, within each household, individuals over 18 years of age were randomly selected. By design, there will be a refresh sample during the third wave. The sample of the first wave of the study is representative of an urban population living in cities of 10,000 or more inhabitants, and represents approximately 77% of the total adult population, and 93% of the urban population. The response rate (AAPOR RR1) was 62.4%. Interviews are conducted face to face with computer assistance (tablet CAPI) by professional interviewers, and participants are paid a small sum for subsequent interviews (USD 9 approximately).

