

Postdoctoral fellowship of the Research Project GLOBALCAR (FAPESP/ANR)

“Global cars: a transnational urban research on vehicle informal economies
(Europe, Africa and South America)”

Call to a postdoctoral fellowship in the field of informal/illegal economic markets in West Africa

1. Summary:

The GLOBALCAR Project and the Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP) are receiving applications for 1 (one) postdoctoral (PD) scholarship to develop research on popular informal/illegal economic circuits of vehicles and spare autoparts in West Africa. This scholarship is associated with the FAPESP's Thematic Grant 2020/07160-7, directed by Prof. Dr. Gabriel Feltran in Brazil and Prof. Dr. Sébastien Jacquot in France. For further information on this project, please go to <https://bv.fapesp.br/en/auxilios/107461/global-cars-a-transnational-urban-research-on-vehicle-informal-economies-europe-africa-and-south-ame/>.

The main goal of this postdoctoral fellowship, which was pre-approved by the Sao Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP), is to describe and analyze informal, illegal and criminal activities related to the second-hand car economies in West Africa (car theft, trade of second-hand cars and spare parts, importation of used and salvage cars from Europe and North America).

More than an international comparative research, our team develops a multisited empirical research, at the intersection between urban and transnational scales. We assume that transnational mobilities inscribed in second-hand car economies reveal the reconfigurations of work in a post-Fordist context, as well as the mechanisms of social inequalities, conflicts and violence reproduction.

The selected candidate is expected to be based in Sao Paulo, Brazil, with several months of fieldwork in West Africa, as well as to participate of Project's activities developed within GLOBALCAR research project, like team meetings and seminars. To fulfill the requirements regarding the scholarship, the postdoctoral fellow would be able to conduct fieldwork in West Africa, as well as integrate the research activities and preparing papers that should be submitted to peer-reviewed journals or presented in international academic events.

The postdoctoral scholarship is granted by FAPESP to foster excellence in research centers by engaging young scholars in teaching, research and extension. The fellowship is scheduled to start on 1st of August 2022, and will last until 31st of July 2023. The fellowship can be renewed for 12 more months,

depending on internal evaluation by the Principal Investigators and external evaluation by FAPESP reviewers.

The selected candidate will receive a (non-taxable) monthly fellowship in the amount of BRL\$ 8.479,20 and a grant, equivalent to 15% of the annual value of the fellowship, which should be spent on items directly related to the research activity. FAPESP regulates how the grant can be spent (<http://fapesp.br/rt>).

2. Application:

The call is open until 22th April 2022. Applicants should send an e-mail with the subject "Postdoctoral fellowship" to André de Pieri Pimentel [andre.pierip@gmail.com] containing the following documentation:

- i) Curriculum Vitae (in English or Portuguese) or Lattes Curriculum (for researchers based in Brazil);
- ii) Brief research statement (maximum of 4 pages), which should be related to the main theme of the fellowship as presented in this call – in English or Portuguese;
- iii) Graduate school transcripts;
- iv) Certificate of Ph.D. degree awarded or, exclusively for candidates who have not yet completed their doctorate requirements, a letter indicating the probable date of the defense of the doctoral thesis, which must be no later than June 2022 (two months before the expected start of the fellowship).

The candidate for the Postdoctoral Fellowship must have completed the Doctorate less than 7 (seven) years ago and have an excellent academic history transcript. The candidate who does not yet have the title of Ph.D. on the application due date must, if selected, complete all the requirements for this and be able to present a certificate of Ph.D. degree awarded by July 1st, 2022.

3. Selection Process

The selection of candidates will be conducted in two stages. The first phase will consist of the analysis of the documents delivered and will be eliminatory. The documents will be analyzed by the Principal Investigators of the thematic project according to the following criteria: (i) documentation is complete and meets FAPESP's requirements, (ii) candidate's experience in the field, and (iii) adequacy of the candidate's interest in the research topic. Candidates approved in this phase will be invited to a virtual/online interview, an instrument of the second stage of the evaluation, which will take place between 2nd and 6th of May, 2022.

The virtual platform on which the interviews will be conducted will be informed to the candidates by email. For more information on the requirements for the candidate and the commitments and activities required by FAPESP, please go to <https://fapesp.br/en/postdoc>.

4. Schedule

Applications	Until 22 th of April
Announcement of first stage approvals	29 th of April
Interviews	2 nd to 6 th of May
Selection announcement (final result)	11 th of May

Acceptance of the scholarship will still be pending FAPESP's analysis of the research project and plan of activities, to be prepared after approval.