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Scientific area	Scientific responsible	Host Department		Start of mobility	Language
IUS/02	Professor Cristina Poncibò, Associate professor of Comparative Law	Department of Law		January 2017	English and Russian
Type of fellowship	Senior (equal or more than 40 years old) 1 month				
Title of the research project	<b>Global Governance, Transnational Litigation and Mediation: Perspectives from comparative politics and law (EU, Russian Federation)</b>				
Description of the research project	<p>The technologies of the present era mean that injuries have become more massive in dimension. Mass torts affect greater numbers of people and larger geographical areas. Consequently, they can cross borders, affecting the populations of multiple countries.</p> <p>The project will analyze the development of transnational and global litigation and mediation in mass disasters and mass torts focusing on European cases as well as Russian cases. The project is innovative because it aims to develop an interdisciplinary research mixing two approaches from <i>political sciences and law</i>. It also implies a strong comparative dimension to deal with the ‘global’ dimension of the research questions. In particular, this project focuses on the EU and the Russian Federation.</p> <p>Little has been said, however, about the law and policy of transnational mediation in mass torts cases and mass disasters. The research questions follows: could transnational mediation be an effective and fair tool to resolve mass torts, or mass disasters, involving victims from different jurisdictions?</p> <p>Indeed, mass mediators and mass mediation designers need to take the various cultural and social backgrounds of the victims into account when conducting or designing a mass mediation scheme. While it is necessary that a system be designed to resolve claims quickly, this cannot be the sole focus of the scheme. Instead, the process must be designed in such a way to maximize effective and fair decision-making.</p> <p>Transnational mediation may contribute to recovery both at the individual and community levels and, more important, have a strong impact over regulatory and social policies (Nagareda, 2005).</p>				
Profile Description	An experienced Professor of Political Sciences and/or Public Policy. Fluent in Russian.				
Research objectives	The research project’ outcomes will be: a) an increased cooperation between professors from the University of Torino and a leading Russian University;				



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	b) a joint publication in an international law journal; c) an interdisciplinary seminar to be held at the University of Turin.
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