

JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE

1. The Project

This project, known as Economics as a Moral Science, started six years ago and has so far held five symposia. Its focus is a re-examination of the methodology of modern economics with particular regard to ways and means for the re-integration of moral judgment in economic theory. The symposia have so far explored:

- how modern economic theory excludes value judgment from its domain
- how and why the ontology of modern theory relies on the reification of economic processes in building its models
- how causation and agency theories in economic theory have fallen short of all major causation and agency theories in modern and classical philosophy

Future topics for research include the ways in which the determinist models of modern economic theory have excluded the theologically and philosophically developed notions of free will.

Papers given at the symposia are edited and peer reviewed for publication by Springer in their series *Virtues and Economics*, of which Prof. Róna is the general editor.

2. Responsibilities

The Junior Research Fellow will be expected to assist the director of the project, Prof. Peter Róna in the following areas:

- (i) in the organising and conducting of future symposia, designed to address further methodological questions, such as Emergence Theory, Value Theory, Judgment as a separate(?) category of the mind, the role of mathematics and its ability to represent reality, virtue ethics and economics, Catholic Social Teaching and Economics, and the construction of a new foundation for economic theory that is not based on model building, but, rather, concentrates on descriptive adequacy;
- (ii) in collecting and following the research of, and establishing contact with, researchers in the field;
- (iii) in editing the papers given at the symposia in accordance with the requirements of the publisher;
- (iv) in contributing a paper to at least one of the symposia in a form and content appropriate for publication in a recognised scholarly journal, or inclusion in the volume published by Springer, to contribute to their own individual research outcome.

The JRF will also be encouraged to pursue their own independent research, and to publish at least two papers in a recognised, peer-reviewed scholarly journal.

3. Evaluation of Performance

Prof. Rona will have day to day line management of this role, and will oversee the task outlined above. The Senior Tutor will act as Academic Mentor to the JRF post, and will advise in areas of training and career development.