Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS)

The Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) in Regensburg is an interdisciplinary and international research institute that focusses on the historical, economic and political developments in Eastern and Southeastern Europe (www.leibniz-ios.de). The IOS combines research with scientific infrastructure services and policy advice, both in Germany and internationally. Since January 2017, the IOS has been a member of the renowned Leibniz Association and is funded by the State of Bavaria and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany.

In spring 2019, the IOS will establish the new project group:

“Between Conflict and Cooperation: Politics of International Law in the Post-Soviet Space”.

The project group will explore the various politics of international law in the post-Soviet space. By analyzing processes and developments that shape the (re)interpretations and practices of the politics of international law in the post-Soviet space and beyond, the project group will carry out application-oriented basic research at the intersections of international law and politics.

To strengthen the project group, the IOS is looking for filling the vacant positions of

Two Research Associates (working on a PhD)

with an academic background in law, political science or a related discipline with knowledge in the fields of international law and/or international relations and a profound interest in the politics and contemporary history of the post-Soviet space.

Both positions will start on 1 March 2019 and are limited to the duration of three years (subject to the approval by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany). The positions are part time (65% of the full weekly working hours according to TV-L), and the remuneration will be based on the German TV-L public pay scale, salary group 13.

Your tasks will be:

– Conducting research on the politics of international law in the post-Soviet space at selected examples, including field research in the region;
– pursuing a PhD project related to the project group;
– academic writing and publishing as author and co-author;
– active participation in national and international conferences and workshops;
– being co-organizer of international conferences and workshops in Germany and abroad;
– assisting in building up an expert network in the politics of international law in the post-Soviet space;
– assisting in knowledge transfer.
What we expect from you:
- a successfully completed university degree in law, political science, or a related discipline, which qualifies for pursuing a PhD;
- comprehensive knowledge in the fields of international law and/or international politics;
- advanced knowledge of the contemporary history and developments of Eastern Europe;
- ideally basic knowledge of the Russian and German language;
- readiness to travel abroad also for extended field research, independent and team oriented working style, good communication skills, flexibility, reliability and openness to new tasks and challenges.

What we offer:
- possibility of pursuing a PhD project;
- being part of exploring a novel field of research;
- a dynamic work environment in which innovation, transparency and internationality are indispensable;
- building international networks in academia and practice;
- opportunity to take further education courses and trainings (including methods and language courses);
- additional pension benefit scheme for employees of the German public sector (VBL);
- working in the UNESCO World Heritage Old Town of Regensburg;
- equal opportunities and compatibility of work and family life.

For further information, please contact the leader of the research group “Frozen and Unfrozen Conflicts”, Dr. Cindy Wittke, at wittke@ios-regensburg.de.

Applications must be submitted electronically via the IOS application portal at http://www.leibniz-ios.de/en/vacancies.html. Applications by email cannot be considered.

The submitted documents must include:
- letter of motivation (max. 2 pages);
- CV;
- certificates and transcripts;
- outline of a research/PhD project (max. 3 pages);
- if available, one or two publications (published or unpublished);
- two references, who can be contacted via e-mail and/or phone.

The deadline for application is November 30, 2018.

The interviews are expected to take place in the period from January 7–11, 2019.

The Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Research is an equal opportunity employer. We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds.

Please note: Your personal data that you provide during the application procedure will be deleted latest after six months after the end of the application and selection process.