The Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) in Regensburg (Germany) invites applications for the following open position in the Junior Research Group “Frozen and Unfrozen Conflicts”

- 1 doctoral student/junior researcher (TVL-E 13, 65%)

The appointment will be for 3 years. Starting date is January 2016.

The Junior Research Group “Frozen and Unfrozen Conflicts” has been established in 2015 and will comprise five researchers. The research group will conduct comparative research on territorial conflicts and their backgrounds in Eastern and Southeastern Europe, especially in the area of the former Soviet Union and the former Yugoslavia. Thus the project will cover a wide range of current or recent frozen/unfrozen conflict areas from Eastern Ukraine to Georgia (Abkhazia and South Ossetia), Moldavia (Transnistria), Azerbaijan (Nagorno-Karabakh) as well as Kosovo, Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Northern Cyprus and others. Methods of political science will take centre stage. Depending on the concrete research questions, additional approaches from social science and humanities will be employed as well, notably empirical methods. Innovative approaches will be encouraged. The central questions of the project are the following, to be approached from different angles:

(1) Which resources, and under which conditions, are employed by local/regional elites for separatist projects?
(2) What are the roles of the EU, the Russian Federation and other international players for the development of these conflicts?
(3) What is the significance of historical, institutional and socio-economic factors?

The work of the junior research group should also contribute to the three main research areas of IOS (governance, migration and trade, labour), but will add conflict research to the institute’s existing research foci.

The tasks of the doctoral student/junior researcher are the following:

- Conducting an independent research project leading to a doctorate
- Contributing to the activities of the research group
- Presentation and publication of research results
- Organization and management of scientific events
- Participation in knowledge transfer measures

Requirements are:

- an excellent Master’s degree in Political Science, Sociology, Ethnology, (East/Southeast) European Studies or a cognate discipline
- excellent knowledge of English
- an innovative dissertation project in the area of “frozen and unfrozen conflicts”
Furthermore, we expect

- willingness for interdisciplinary cooperation and for comparative perspectives
- knowledge of a language of our research region; knowledge of German is an asset
- the ability to work in a team, strong communication skills, flexibility

The position is a 65% part time positon, remunerated according to the Public Service Salary Scale of the States (TV-L), pay level E13. Please find the salary scales here http://oeffentlicher-dienst.info/c/t/rechner/tv-l/west?id=tv-l-2015i&matrix=1. The final salary level depends on previous work experience.

The Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) is an independent, international and interdisciplinary area studies centre studying the historical and economic development of East and Southeast Europe (www.ios-regensburg.de). Close cooperation with the University of Regensburg and other universities offers the possibility to pursue a doctorate while being employed at the IOS. The junior research group is financially supported by the “Nordbayern-Initiative” of the Free State of Bavaria.

IOS Regensburg is an equal opportunity employer. We, therefore, specifically encourage women to apply for the job.

Applications are invited online via the IOS application tool (see: http://www.ios-regensburg.de/en/vacancies.html). Documents include: Cover letter, CV, lists of publications and presentations, and of teaching experience (if applicable), relevant certificates, research proposal (5 pages max.), names of two references.

**Deadline for applications: November 15th, 2015**

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