The Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) invites applications for the following open positions in the Junior Research Group “Frozen and unfrozen conflicts”

- 1 postdoc researcher (public sector pay scale TVL-E 13, 100%)
- 2 junior researchers/doctoral students (TVL-E 13, 65%)
- 1 position for the development and implementation of digital tools (TVL-E 13, 100%)

The appointments will be for 3 years from November 1, 2015.

The junior research group “Frozen and unfrozen conflicts” will be established during 2015 and comprises five researchers. The research group will conduct comparative research on territorial conflicts and their backgrounds in the area of the former Soviet Union and the former Yugoslavia. 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. The central questions of the project are the following:

- Which resources, and under which conditions, are employed by local/regional elites for separatist policies?
- What are the roles of the EU, the Russian Federation and other international factors for the development of these conflicts?
- 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 these areas. An important part of its work will be the development of an interactive platform for digital research data and of tools for their analysis and visualization.

The tasks of the researchers (postdoc and doctoral students) are the following:

- Conducting an independent research project leading to a habilitation (or equivalent qualification) or doctorate
- Contributing to the activities of the research group
- Presentation and publication of research results
- Organization and management of scientific events
- Participation in measures ensuring the transfer of knowledge
Prerequisites for the postdoc researcher are

- an excellent PhD in political science or a cognate discipline (completed since no more than 4 years)
- excellent knowledge of English
- relevant research experience
- a convincing project idea in the area of “Frozen and unfrozen conflicts”.

Prerequisites for the junior researchers/doctoral students are

- an excellent Master degree in political science, sociology, ethnology, (East/Southeast) European Studies or a cognate discipline
- excellent knowledge of English
- an innovative dissertation project idea in the area of “Frozen and unfrozen conflicts”.

Prerequisites for the position for the development and implementation of digital tools are

- a completed Master degree (PhD is an asset) with certified IT components
- an IT profile with focus on digital humanities
- expertise in current meta data and coding formats
- experience in the development of tools for the management of research data, for digital analysis and for visualization
- very good knowledge of English

Furthermore, we expect

- willingness for interdisciplinary cooperation and to engage with 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 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 habilitation or doctorate while being employed at 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.

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, scientific presentations, and academic teaching experiences, relevant certificates, for the research positions: research agenda (5 pages max.), the names of two references.

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

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