The Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) invites applications for an open position as a leader of a junior research group (public pay scale TV-L E 14) on a full-time basis. The appointment will be for 3.5 years.

The junior research group “Frozen and unfrozen conflicts” will be established during 2015 and comprises four researchers in addition to the group’s leader. 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:

1. Which resources, and under which conditions, are employed by local/regional elites for separatist policies?
2. What is the role of the EU, the Russian Federation and other international factors 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 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 leader of the junior research group are mainly

- The setup and guidance of the junior research group
- The development of a research and publication concept for the group
- Own research and publications
- Organization and management of scientific events
- Implementation of measures ensuring the transfer of knowledge

Prerequisites for the job are

- an excellent PhD in political science or a cognate discipline (completed since no more than 8 years)
- excellent knowledge of English (knowledge of German and of a language of our research region is an asset)
- relevant research experience
- international visibility
- a convincing research plan

Furthermore, we expect

- a willingness for interdisciplinary cooperation
- the use of comparative perspectives
- management experience, the ability to work in a team and strong communication skills

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IOS Regensburg is an equal opportunity employer. It is a strategic aim of IOS to increase the number of women in senior management positions.

Applications are invited online via the IOS application portal (see: http://www.ios-regensburg.de/en/vacancies/online-application-form/research-group-leader.html). Documents include: Cover letter, CV, lists of publications, conference presentations and talks, list of courses taught, relevant certificates, and a research proposal (5 pages max.). Please also include two references.

**Deadline for applications: July 25, 2015**

Appointments for interviews will be scheduled most likely for August 10–11, 2015. For further information please contact the directors of IOS: Prof. Ulf Brunnbauer (brunnbauer@ios-regensburg.de), Prof. Jürgen Jerger (jerger@ios-regensburg.de).