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Vacancy: Researcher (100% - 1 year)

Migration governance in West-Africa

The United Nations University-Institute of Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS) and the Institute for European Studies at Vrije Universiteit Brussel call for applications for a one-year research position. The researcher will be hired for the project 'Multi-level governance in West Africa: reaping the benefits of migration with or without regulation' (AMIREG). The deadline for submitting applications is 30 April 2017.

The Position

AMIREG seeks to understand the interest in and the consequences of a tighter regulation of mobility in West Africa as opposed to non-regulation. Moreover, AMIREG intends to investigate how the regulatory agenda of intra-African migration is a result of interaction with external actors such as the EU (and its Member States) or the United Nations.

The successful candidate will undertake field-work in Senegal (Dakar) and Ghana (Accra), and will be involved in analysing the data, and publishing the results. The one-year project foresees four months of field work in West Africa conducting interviews, collecting documents and connecting to stakeholders in migration policy making. Upon return from the region, the researcher will transcribe the interviews and assist in analysing the data. By the end of the year it is foreseen that the researcher has time to develop his or her own proposal for a PhD project building on the research undertaken.

Profile

The successful candidate is required to:

- hold a Master's degree in political science, international relations, public policy, law or relevant social sciences (migration studies, African studies) with excellent study results
- have experience in conducting research interviews
- be fluent and have excellent communications skills in English and French
- know (the literature) on migration policy
- have the ability to communicate with stakeholders, among others high-level officials
- be flexible, self-motivated and perseverant
- Knowledge of and travel experience in (West-) Africa are an asset

Offer

We offer a 1-year pre-doc bursary at Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). Extension of contract is subject to performance and the acquisition of additional funding by the supervisors or researcher. Remuneration is at the level of a full-time research assistant at a Flemish university (i.e. approximately € 1.900 net per month) and includes contributions for social security. Secondary employment is not allowed. The researcher will conduct two months of field work in Ghana (Accra) and two months of field work in Senegal (Dakar). Housing and travel costs will be covered.

The researcher will be guided by Prof. Ilke Adam, Prof. Christof Roos and Prof. Florian Trauner. When not on fieldwork, the successful candidate is expected to work at the UNU-CRIS premises in Bruges (Belgium), while keeping close ties with the IES-VUB in Brussels. Office space and equipment will be provided.

How to apply

The candidate will be selected on the basis of her/his expertise, work experience and qualifications, as well as a short description of the planning of the field work. The following application documents are to be consolidated into a single PDF file sent by email to jobs@ies.be (subject heading: 'AMIREG UNU-CRIS call').

- Completed application form
- A one-page motivation letter explaining the candidate's interest in pursuing this research task, and possibly a PhD on the topic
- A curriculum vitae listing all academic qualifications, relevant research and field experience and previous publications
- A description and planning of the field work activities in Ghana and Senegal (a short proposal of a questionnaire for semi-structured interviews, a list of possible interviewees and an indicative planning), condensed into no more than 1.500 to 2000 words.
- A copy of the highest obtained diploma and transcript of academic grades

Candidates must also provide the contact details of two references.

The deadline for applications is 30 April 2017. Short-listed candidates will be informed by early June and interviews with top-listed candidates are expected to take place in the weeks thereafter. The successful candidate can start as of 1 September or as soon as possible thereafter.

Further information

For more information please visit: [UNU-cris website](#) and the [IES Migration, Diversity and Justice Cluster](#). For further inquiries and the description of the AMIREG project, please contact ilke.adam@vub.be and florian.trauner@vub.be.

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