

The Institute for European Integration Research (EIF) is a Research Platform at the University of Vienna and dedicated to research and teaching in the field of European integration.

We seek to appoint a

Postdoctoral Research Fellow (“Wiss. Projektmitarbeiter/-in Post doc”)

for the project “EU Border Management: Interagency relations and their impact on fundamental rights” funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) and headed by PD Dr. Peter Slominski. Applications are invited for a full-time position, with a 2-year-contract for the research project, starting 1 October 2018. Job grading in accordance with [collective bargaining agreement](#): §48 VwGr. B1 lit. b (postdoc)

The objective of the project is to understand the nature and impact of the interaction between Frontex, the key agency in the field of EU border management, and two other relevant EU agencies, namely the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) and the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA). The main research questions of this project are twofold: First, are interagency relations shaped by cooperation or conflict? When can we observe interagency cooperation or conflict? Second, how have these interagency relations affected the balance between security concerns and fundamental rights?

Empirically, the study will answer the research questions by studying the interagency activities of three EU agencies Frontex, EASO and FRA. The project will basically cover the time frame between 2005 and 2016 which corresponds with the lifespan of Frontex and include also the entire activities of FRA and EASO which were set up in 2007 and 2011 respectively. In particular, the project will cover all major issue areas of Frontex including information gathering, analysis and exchange, joint operations, training, and return operations.

The successful candidate will

- focus on the empirical part. He/She will design, conduct and analyse semi-structured interviews as well as draft the empirical part of the research project
- work with the project manager in developing the conceptual framework of the project
- have no teaching obligation

Your qualifications:

- a doctoral degree in the social sciences (preferably political science)
- a scientific track record in the field of the project, preferably with regard to EU agencies (Frontex, EASO or FRA) and/or EU migration/asylum/border policy (visible in among other things journal publications and international academic experience)
- excellent written and oral communication skills in English

Please send your full application including relevant supporting documents (1-page cover letter outlining your motivation/skills, CV, list of publications and relevant writing samples to:

Peter Slominski, University of Vienna / Institute for European Integration Research, Apostelgasse 23, A-1030 Vienna, Austria, Email: peter.slominski@univie.ac.at (Email applications are particularly welcome).

Application Deadline is: 30 April 2018.

For further information, please contact PD Dr. Peter Slominski (Email: peter.slominski@univie.ac.at).