

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Post-doctoral researcher (full time) in International Relations, MAGYC Project

About the MAGYC project

MAGYC stands for 'Migration Governance and Asylum Crises' and is a collaborative project funded by the European Commission's Horizon 2020 Programme for Research and Innovation. It associates twelve academic and civil society partners, inside and outside of Europe, under the general coordination of The Hugo Observatory at the University of Liège (Belgium). The project seeks to assess how migration governance has been influenced by the recent 'refugee crisis', and how crises at large shape policy responses on migration. The project runs from November 2018 until October 2022, for a total budget of EUR 3.2 million.

About the institutions advertising the position

The Hugo Observatory – University of Liège

The Hugo Observatory is a research centre devoted to the study of the interactions between environmental changes and human migration. The Observatory is hosted at the SPHERES Research Unit of the Faculty of Sciences. It is a young and dynamic structure, involved in different international research projects and policy processes. It conducts both theoretical and empirical, field research and puts a high value on collective work.

CERI – Sciences Po

Founded at Sciences Po in 1952, the CERI is today France's principal research center dedicated to the study of international/transnational relations and regional area studies. The CERI's research agenda is based on the conviction that the study of the globalized world must proceed through a two-pronged approach: area studies and international and transnational relations. The Center brings together scholars from several social science disciplines, among which political science is the best represented, along with sociology, anthropology, history and economics. The Center's researchers work side by side in research groups on specific issues and in productive dialogue with the Center's five main lines of research: actors and levels of regulation in world politics; political participation and mobilization; the State and its transformations; violence and danger management; identity and politics.

GIGA – German Institute of Global and Area Studies

GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies is an independent social-science research institute based in Hamburg, Germany. It analyses political, social and economic developments in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East and combines this analysis with comparative multi-level research on international relations,

sustainable development, violence and security, and political systems. Through a unique combination of area and comparative area studies, GIGA examines not only the issues and challenges facing these specific regions but also addresses new developments in North-South / South-South relationships and related global governance regimes. The GIGA has detailed empirical knowledge on the countries of origin and transit of current migration flows, profound expertise in conducting comparative research (inter alia on migration policies, regional organizations, norm diffusion, and institution-building), and a large network of partners in the above mentioned regions.

Position advertised

We are seeking an outstanding candidate for the position of Post-doctoral Researcher in International Relations. The successful candidate will be responsible for:

- Conducting desk-based research on EU migration governance efforts from an IR theoretical perspective and analysing relevant EU migration policy frameworks and their negotiating history through preparatory materials;
- Conducting empirical and desk based research on the EU response to the 'refugee crisis' notably documenting the spatial and temporal evolution of EU pre-/post crisis migration cooperation with the key sending regions in the Middle East, North Africa and Sub-Sahara Africa;
- Analysing relevant EU migration policy frameworks and their negotiating history;
- Liaising with other partners of the project;
- Contributing to the production of relevant deliverables within MAGYC (1 policy paper, 1 journal article) and milestones (meetings and workshops in Liège, Paris and Hamburg);
- Disseminating the project's results through conferences, publications, seminars and social media;
- Supporting the overall development of the project.

Requirements

The successful candidate must:

- Hold a doctorate in political science / international relations or international law. A specialisation in migration governance is desirable;
- Demonstrate a keen interest for (forced) migration issues and interdisciplinary work;
- Demonstrate an outstanding command of the literature on EU migration governance;
- Demonstrate an excellent publication record on this topic;
- Have excellent communication skills, both written and verbal;
- Be able to work independently and as part of a team, in a highly inter-disciplinary environment, under limited supervision;
- Be fluent in English (some command of French and/or German is an asset);
- Be enthusiastic about the development of a new research project, and committed to its advancement.

Location and type of contract

The position is a 2-year contract, full-time. The position is based at the University of Liège (southeast of Belgium), but the successful candidate is expected to spend significant periods of time (up to a year) in partner institutions: CERI-Sciences Po and the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies. The candidate is also expected to travel abroad occasionally for conferences and missions. Appropriate travel support will be allocated.

The position should be filled in March 2019 (negotiable). The salary range will be commensurate to the candidate's experience and qualifications.

The University of Liège is an equal-opportunity employer; foreign candidates are encouraged to apply.

How to apply

Interested candidates should send a CV and cover letter by noon on January 25th, 2019. They should also indicate the names of two referees who can be contacted upon request. Interviews will be conducted in Liège (or via Skype if necessary) during the week of 11 February 2019, and only short-listed candidates will receive a feedback on their application.

Applications should be sent by email to François Gemenne (F.Gemenne@uliege.be), Hélène Thiollet (helene.thiollet@sciencespo.fr) and Christiane Fröhlich (Christiane.Froehlich@giga-hamburg.de).