

The Department of Sociology at the Faculty of Cultural and Social Sciences (Faculty of Social Sciences, January 2022-) at the Paris Lodron University of Salzburg (PLUS) invites applications for a student assistantship, beginning in January 2022, for a maximum period of 24 months. The position is anchored in the project [“VISION: Envisioning Convivial Europe”](#) with two other teams in Berlin and Amsterdam, funded by the VW Foundation.

By rendering visible the stories and visual images of, and with, local residents and mobile workers from Central and Eastern Europe, VISION aims to co-generate critical and transformative knowledge of a more just, sustainable and convivial Europe. VISION collects data on and analyzing the life conditions in ‘inner-peripheries’ in Germany (Brandenburg) and Romania/Poland. It will examine thus far overlooked interlinkages between these peripheralized places in Europe. The successful applicant will be part of the PLUS Team (PI, Ph.D. researcher, and (a) student assistant(s)) who will assist the Team with multiple tasks in various phases of the research process.

Candidates with training and experience in qualitative social research generally, and visual methods in particular, are encouraged to apply. Through the VISION project, the position holder will be(come) familiar with creative and mixed methods, and gain firsthand experience in ongoing research activities across multiple places in Europe (Brandenburg, Berlin, Amsterdam, and Poland/Romania).

The main tasks will include:

- conducting literature review, transcription of interviews in English, German, Polish/Romanian;
- supporting the organization of fieldwork, data analysis, translation and/or simultaneous interpretation;
- participating in project meetings and events;
- providing support for team publications, reports and conference presentations;
- administer public outreach through (social) media and a project website;
- supporting the organization of team workshops, conferences and exhibitions in Salzburg as well as in fieldwork locations;
- liaising with the team members in Berlin and Amsterdam;
- undertaking any other duties relevant to the research program; and
- contributing to teaching Master/Bachelor students affiliated with the project.

## Your profile:

- Currently an 'actively enrolled' student at the PLUS, having reached at least the intermediate undergraduate level in Social Sciences, preferably in Sociology, or alternatively in Geography, Anthropology, Migration Studies, Communications, Media Studies, or in a comparable field of studies;
- Knowledge in transnationalism, labor migration, mobility studies, gender studies, and/or uneven development;
- Proven experience in qualitative social research, including ethnography, expert interviews, and transcription. Experience in visual methods, more specifically in (ethnographic or documentary) filmmaking, would be an advantage;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in German and English;
- Experience and interest in public engagement, such as research communication, e.g. via exhibitions, digital media, for wider audiences;
- Interest in advancing critical and interdisciplinary perspectives on the issue of social injustices and uneven development in Europe;
- Critical thinker and open-mindedness;
- A good team player while being able to work independently;
- Excellent communication, support and organizational skills;
- Creative personality;
- Reliability, flexibility and ability to work under tight deadlines; and
- Knowledge of Romanian, and/or Polish and socio-cultural context will be considered an advantage.

## What we offer you:

The position offers employment of 10 hours per week (or less if so desired) for 12 months (with a perspective of extension). You will be working in an energetic and international working environment across multiple locations (Salzburg, Berlin, Amsterdam, Brandenburg, Poland and Romania), with Salzburg as the main base.

VISION consists of an interdisciplinary team, ranging from Sociology, Geography, and Transnational Migration Studies to Gender Studies. Team members consist of three senior researchers, two midcareer researchers, two Ph.D. candidates and student assistants, based at the DeZIM ("Deutsches Zentrum für Integrations- und Migrationsforschung") in Berlin, and the University of Amsterdam, as well as at the PLUS.

At the Department of Sociology in Salzburg, you will be embedded in the internationally oriented, inspiring, vibrant team "Social Change and Mobilities" (SCM) with three researchers and regular visiting scholars.

Your starting gross monthly salary will be ~€ 530, as stipulated in the [Collective Labor Agreement of Austrian University \(Kollektivvertrag für die ArbeitnehmerInnen der Universitäten\)](#). There will be two additional monthly payment a year.

The earliest starting date is February 1, 2022.

## **Job application**

Interested candidates should submit the following (in one PDF file) to Mag. Victoria REITTER, BA MA, [victoria.reitter@plus.ac.at](mailto:victoria.reitter@plus.ac.at) by December 31, 2021:

- A two-page letter of motivation covering why you would be a good fit;
- a CV (with a link to your visual output, if applicable);
- two references whom we might contact;
- a writing sample (must not be published, e.g. term paper and/or journalistic article);
- a transcript of records; and
- graduation certificates;

If you have any questions or if you require additional information, please contact:

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