



The Viadrina Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION is a central research institution of the European University Viadrina. It combines and initiates analyses in the fields of social sciences, cultural studies, economics, and law on the processes of marking, transgressing, dissolving and re-establishing borders. As a joint project undertaken by all three faculties, the center brings together the internationally established research priorities of the Viadrina and deepens transdisciplinary perspectives. Founded in May 2013, the research institution is to be expanded into a center for international border research through interdisciplinary research projects, the targeted promotion of early career scholars, cooperation with both national and international partners and the establishment of a digital scientific platform called B/ORDER STUDIES.

Job Opening

In cooperation with the Viadrina Center B/Orders in Motion, the [Center for Peace Mediation](#) at [European University Viadrina Frankfurt \(Oder\)](#) seeks as of 1.1.2018 a

Senior Research Manager (Number 4130-17-01)

(13 TV-L, 20 hours/week with the possibility of further hours)

The position is funded through December 31 2018 and may be extended through December 31 2019, subject to further financing of the project. An extension of the post beyond 2019 may be achieved through the acquisition of third-party funding.

The work environment and position:

The position is situated within the [B/Orders in Motion](#) Seed Money Project "[Safe Spaces: Mapping The Red Lines in Peacemakers' Trade-Offs](#)" (2018-2019). In this project, an international research team ([Center for Peace Mediation](#)/Viadrina, [Center for Security Studies](#)/ETH Zurich, [Jean-Monnet Centre of Excellence in European Studies](#)/National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy) is investigating how mediators in peace processes deal with dilemmas and reach decisions that are acceptable to all relevant parties and therefore sustainable. In addition to its research work, the team will explore the framework conditions for a longer-term cooperation and submit applications for further funding.

The Senior Research Manager will play a central role in the research team, working in close collaboration with the project leadership. The position includes essential tasks in the areas of conceptual work, knowledge management, and research as well as coordination, communication, and administration. It provides an opportunity to substantially contribute to and prove oneself within various fields – in genuinely scientific work, in project management, in international research cooperation, in the practical transfer of results, as well as in fundraising. The combination of the position with pursuing a scientific qualification (such as PhD or post-doc) in a related field is possible.

Tasks will include:

Conceptual work, knowledge management and research

- Spell out the conceptual, institutional & financial framework for cooperation together with the research team
- Knowledge management, including consolidation of the various project contributions
- Search for appropriate third-party funding programs and co-writing of funding proposals
- Research and preparation of current scientific literature and data on the subject

Coordination, communication and administration

- Preparation / follow-up, organization and moderation of working meetings, and support for the workflow of the research group
- Communication with external partners in science and politics
- Administration and budget accounting
- Public relations for the project and reporting to the B/Orders in Motion Center

Candidate's background:

- Strong interest in the project's interdisciplinary themes and action-oriented research approach
- Interest in working with a large research team, which includes members who are geographically distant
- University degree and (possibly) completed or advanced PhD studies in political science, peace and conflict studies, and / or related fields
- Experience in project management in a research context, ideally with third-party funded projects (application, coordination, budget management, reporting)
- Practical training and work experience in mediation, conflict management, moderation, creative and communication techniques
- Excellent skills in the writing and editing of scientific texts
- Excellent knowledge of German and English, including speaking and writing skills
- Independence, teamwork, flexibility and resilience
- Knowledge of qualitative or quantitative research methods
- Computer literacy (including Microsoft Office, databases)

We offer:

- Membership in an innovative research group that provides a multi-faceted and future-oriented framework for creative research management
- Entry into a very dynamic field, at the crossroads between mediation practice and peace / conflict / mediation research
- Involvement in the activities of B/Orders in Motion at the Viadrina (including [Research Factory](#))
- Involvement in a diverse collegial working environment at the [Center for Peace Mediation](#) and the [Institute for Conflict Management](#) and as well as within the corresponding networks in Switzerland and Ukraine
- Collaboration on joint publications and participation in conferences
- Working at a small, vibrant university with an international profile on the border with Poland, with an office in Frankfurt (Oder) and / or Berlin
- A family friendly college with flexible working hours
- Additional pension plans via the VBL (Federal and State Government Employees Retirement Fund)
- Opportunities for professional training and continued education

In keeping with its gender equality concept, the European University Viadrina Foundation has set the strategic goal of raising the number of women in research and teaching positions and is participating in research-oriented equality standards of the DFG, the German Research Foundation. It thus specifically seeks female applicants. Applicants may contact the Equal Opportunities Officer (www.europa-uni.de/gleichstellung). The university supports its members in balancing work and family needs and offers family friendly conditions for study and work. For further information, see www.europa-uni.de/familie. People with disabilities who have equal qualifications are given priority. It is recommended that applicants with a disability mention this in their application. Unfortunately, application costs cannot be reimbursed.

Applications referring to the above-mentioned position number, including a brief letter of motivation, a resume in tabular form, and the copies of required certificates, should be sent as **PDF file** to the following address by **November 19 2017**:

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