Vacancy

Post-doc position

The Chair for Sociology of Technology at the European New School of Digital Studies, European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) is looking for a

Post-doc researcher for 2 years
(30 hours per week)
(TV-L 13 75%)
Ref.No. 1513-22-01
available immediately.

We are looking for a postdoctoral researcher as part of the research project “Calculating migration: a multi-sited ethnography of relocation algorithms” at the intersection of critical migration research and science and technology studies, funded by the Swedish Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (RJ). In this project, researchers from the European New School of Digital Studies (ENS) at European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), the University of Linköping and Vienna University collaborate to examine algorithmic governance in the realm of migration and border management. In particular, the research project empirically studies how AI (artificial intelligence) technologies are designed for and implemented for state administrations organizing migration and asylum procedures. Depending on funding decisions, an extension of the position or an increase of working hours/salary may be possible at a later time.

About us

The European New School of Digital Studies (ENS) is a joint academic venture of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) and the Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan. The chair for Sociology of Technology (Jan-H. Passoth) is home of the Science & Technology Studies Group at ENS. Our research focuses on (digital) technologies of migration and border control, on infrastructures of digital Europe, on interdisciplinary forms of co-creation und prototyping, as well as on digital and in(ter)ventive methods. Based on a strong background in sociology, cultural studies and science and technology studies we collaborate with researchers from computer science, electrical engineering, political science, philosophy, and history and are engaged with actors from politics, civil society and the arts.

Your tasks

You will conduct an empirical research project on the development and/or implementation of AI technologies in the realm of state administrations of migration and border management. This includes the collection and analysis of data, and the dissemination of results through workshops, conferences, and publications.

Your training/skills

- A PhD (or equivalent) in a relevant social science discipline with skills relevant to the project in areas of critical migration and border control, critical security studies, science and
technology studies, infrastructure studies, critical data and algorithm studies or related fields
- Training in qualitative research, especially (multi-sited) ethnography (organizing empirical inquiries, collecting, coding and analyzing qualitative data)
- Research experience of studying institutional ecologies and workplaces of (state) administrations, as well as of studying data infrastructures and digital technologies
- Experience in planning and organizing independently an empirical research project
- Ability to work independently on own initiative and meet deadlines
- Excellent communication skills, both spoken and written in German and English
- Excellent interpersonal skills including collaborative teamwork

What we offer
- An innovative and interdisciplinary working environment in a young research institution at the intersection of science and technology studies and critical migration and border studies
- Working in a young team with flat hierarchies
- A lively and international research community at the European New School of Digital Studies
- Close connections with the integrative Viadrina Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION and the STS-MIGTEC research network
- Close collaborations with the international project partners from Linköping University and University of Vienna
- Flexible working hours and independent work
- Healthcare and further training courses
- Compensation according to TdL (Tarifgemeinschaft deutscher Länder) guidelines

Female and gender-non-binary individuals are explicitly invited to apply. The European University Viadrina participates in the DFG's research-oriented equal opportunity standards and has set itself the strategic goal of significantly increasing the proportion of women in research and teaching. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Equal Opportunity Officer (www.europa-uni.de/gleichstellung). The university supports its members in balancing work and family life. It offers family-friendly study and working conditions. More information can be found at: (www.europa-uni.de/familie)
People with disabilities are given priority in case of equal aptitude and competence. It is advisable to mention forms of disability in the application.

Please send your application with supporting documentation (CV, a letter of motivation, certificates) is a single pdf document by e-mail to passoth@europa-uni.de.
If you have questions about the application procedure or the work at the Chair for Sociology of Technology, please contact sts-ens@europa-uni.de.

We will accept and review all applications received up until and including 10.04.2022. The file will be deleted immediately after the end of the selection process.