

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
STRANIAK FELLOWSHIP – RESEARCH PROJECT ASSISTANCE

Place: Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights,
Freyung 6 (Schottenhof), 1010 Vienna, Austria
Start: October 2017
Duration and scope: 6 months, full-time
Applicants should come from the European or Central Asian region.

The [Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights](#) announces an offer for a full time fellowship to support two research projects at the Institute. In the framework of these projects, the intern will undertake various research activities in support of two research teams as well as organisational tasks. The fellowship is funded by the [Hermann and Marianne Straniak Foundation](#).

Background

The Institute currently conducts – among others – the following two research projects:

1. Commentary to the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings:
The 2005 Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CoE Convention against THB) is the first legal instrument that frames THB as a human rights violation. Although the CoE Convention against THB entered into force in 2008 and has already been ratified by 47 Member States, a comprehensive commentary on the Convention does not yet exist. The research project, now, aims to establish the first up-to-date and extensive analysis of the Convention. It should form a compact and concise guide to anti-trafficking standards and corresponding human rights obligations of States Parties.

The intern will support the project team in conducting background research on the drafting history and on the relevant developments concerning the interpretation of the Convention. Particular emphasis will be given to the work of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in human beings (GRETA) as well as to other relevant treaties and bodies and state practice. Furthermore, the intern will aid the project team in administrative issues according to the project requirements.

2. UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty:

The project aims at conducting extensive research on the scale and conditions of children deprived of liberty with a focus on children in conflict with the law. Besides the analysis, the project activities will include collecting best practices and developing concrete recommendations, policy proposals and effective strategies for change. The UN Global Study, led by the Independent Expert Manfred Nowak, aims to bridge the data gap on the number of children deprived of liberty around the world as well as to raise awareness about the risks of deprivation of liberty for children and society as a whole. (For further information see:

www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/StudyChildrenDeprivedLiberty/Pages/Index.aspx;
<https://childrendeprivedofliberty.info/>)

The intern will be tasked with research activities on the topic of ‘children in conflict with the law’, support the drafting process and take over organisational and administrative tasks.

The intern will work together with the following BIM teams:

The team 'Social Justice' combines expertise in the fields of Business and Human Rights as well as [Women's Rights, Children's Rights and Trafficking in Human Beings](#). Concerning trafficking in human beings (THB), a major part of the research at the BIM has recently been done with a focus on THB for the purpose of labour exploitation as well as on THB and corporate liabilities. In addition, the research at BIM also develops concrete recommendations on the prevention of THB. The current focus is on the Commentary and hence basic research.

The team '[Human Dignity and Public Security](#)' implements human rights projects worldwide, particularly in the area of prevention of torture and ill-treatment. The team conducts research and provides technical support and capacity development to States and civil society organisations. The current focus is on the UN Convention Against Torture and its Optional Protocol, on strengthening of oversight bodies and the prevention of torture, as well as on criminal procedural rights in the EU context.

Tasks

- Research activities (desk research, empirical research)
- Support of the project teams in project management, preparation and implementation of project activities
- Administrative tasks related to the project activities
- Communication with project partners and other stakeholders
- Support in drafting of project reports

Required capabilities

- University degree preferably in law, eventually also in political science, international relations or equivalent,
- Master degree in human rights is an asset
- Fluency in spoken and written English
- Ability to work independently, diligently, and live up to deadlines
- Strong research and analytical skills
- Strong communication skills

Offers:

- Interesting work in an interdisciplinary expert team on various human rights issues
- Fellowship of € 1.000 per month
- Participation in the diverse range of events and networks linked to the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights in Vienna

Interested persons are requested to send their CV and motivation letter in English to bim.office@univie.ac.at

Arrangements for visa, if applicable, and insurance need to be taken care of by the fellow.

We are sorry we will only be able to contact candidates invited for an interview (via telephone/skype).

Deadline for submission of applications: 25 August 2017