

**VOLUNTEER – HUMAN DIGNITY AND PUBLIC SECURITY TEAM**

The Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights is looking for a volunteer to support the Team 'Human Dignity and Public Security'.

**Place:** Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, Freyung 6 (Schottenhof), 1010 Vienna, Austria

**Start:** As soon as possible

**Duration:** upon agreement, approx. three months

The volunteer will get an insight into and be involved in a number of projects on the prevention of torture and ill-treatment. Some of the projects the team is currently involved in are as follows:

One EU project focuses on the fundamental rights of suspected and accused persons in criminal proceedings, such as the right to a lawyer, the right to translation and interpretation and the right to information in criminal proceedings. A report on Austria on these matters is about to be finalized and a national conference will be organized at the end of the year. Building on these results, another EU funded project is looking at the role of National Human Rights Institutions in the strengthening of suspects' and accused rights.

Another ongoing research project aims at the publication of a second revised edition of 'The United Nations Convention against Torture – A Commentary'. The CAT/OPCAT Commentary is the most prominent academic publication on the UN Convention against Torture and its Optional Protocol and serves as a key reference source. The project foresees that all the primary resources and material gathered during the research will be made available – subject to copyright laws – on the website [www.atlas-of-torture.org](http://www.atlas-of-torture.org), thus offering a comprehensive database to human rights defenders and researchers in their fight against torture.

### **Background**

The Team Human Dignity and Public Security supported the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Manfred Nowak, during his mandate from 2004 to 2010 and is since implementing 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. In the previous years the team has implemented projects in Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. For further information please see <http://bim.lbg.ac.at/en/human-dignity-and-public-security>.

### **Desired experiences**

- (Advanced) university studies in law, political sciences, sociology or any other relevant discipline, with good knowledge of human rights law
- Fluency in English and German
- Good IT skills

Please send your expression of interest to: [nora.katona@univie.ac.at](mailto:nora.katona@univie.ac.at) by **26 August 2018** indicating the days per week you would be available.