



With its 4,300 employees and 32,500 students, the University of Graz provides an exciting and varied work environment. Due to our research and teaching competence we are a central institution for guaranteeing that Styria remains a research and education location.

The University of Graz is looking for

Two PhD student positions in Philosophy (Theories of Justice and Ethics) in the Research Project “Historical Injustice - The Consequences to Justice of Changed Circumstances”

(30 hours a week; fixed-term employment for the period of three years; positions to be filled preferably starting October 2nd 2017 in Graz, Austria)

The project (funded by the Austrian Science Foundation) investigates the normative consequences of past injustices. The project's main question is: Should justice have a forward-looking orientation, backward-looking orientation, or something in between, and what are reasons to re-evaluate the orientation with respect to how we ought to respond to the consequences of historical injustices? The project aims to develop an integrated approach that would include prospective distributive elements (the focus on the needs of present day individuals), historical entitlement elements (the validity of past claims and their presumed continuation), and structural injustice elements (such as how social structures might disadvantage certain groups beyond distributive injustices).

The PhD students will work on a research topic which contributes to answering the general research question of when does the supersession of historical injustice occur or not occur: Under what conditions is it no longer just to (fully) correct a historical wrong due to changed circumstances?

The research project is offering two PhD student positions, with contracts starting in fall 2017 for three years. The positions come with social and health insurance. In addition the project provides funds for conference participation, visits, and research stays abroad.

Applicants must hold a Master's degree (or equivalent) in philosophy. Knowledge in English at level C1 is expected. Knowledge of German is not required to begin the position.

The applications have to contain the following documents in pdf format:

- a motivation letter including indication of the research topic, including proposed case studies of historical injustice, you will want to pursue. The supervisors Univ.-Prof. Dr. Lukas Meyer (the University of Graz) and Prof. Timothy Waligore (Pace University) propose that research analyses how changing circumstances could alter the consequences for justice with respect to at least two of the following four:

(1) property holdings, (2) connection to land following mass expulsions, genocide, and/or settlement, (3) group identity and cultural rights, and/or (4) sovereignty. A set of cases would be examined, one example of which might be the Saami, Palestinians, indigenous peoples, and Sudetendeutsche (or other cases the applicant may have expertise/interest in).

- an abstract in English of the master thesis and a pdf of the thesis

- a Curriculum Vitae including information on previous work experience and publications and a transcript of records, evidence for knowledge in English at level C1 or higher

- two letters of recommendation.

The selection procedure will commence immediately after the application deadline, with interviews to be expected in August. All communication, including interviews, will be conducted in English.

For further information, please contact Univ.-Prof. Dr. Lukas H. Meyer, (lukas.meyer@uni-graz.at) or Dr. Timothy Waligore, Assistant Professor at Pace University (twaligore@pace.edu)

Information for international students about admission to doctoral studies, dates and deadlines is available at: <https://studienabteilung.uni-graz.at/en/studying/international-students>

Salary

This is a part-time position with a monthly gross salary of € 2.048,30 according to the classification scheme of the University Collective Agreement

We offer you a job with a lot of responsibility and variety. You can expect an enjoyable work climate, flexible work hours and numerous possibilities for further education and personal development. Take advantage of the chance to enter into a challenging work environment full of team spirit and enthusiasm for your job.

Application Deadline: July 30th 2017

The University of Graz strives to increase the proportion of women in particular in management and faculty positions and therefore encourages qualified women to apply.

If you are interested, please submit your application documents as pdf files within the stated deadline per email to:

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