

Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS)

JOB OPPORTUNITY

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The **Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS)** in Regensburg, Germany, is an interdisciplinary research centre, exploring historical, economic, and political developments in Eastern and Southeastern Europe (www.leibniz-ios.de/en/). Alongside research, IOS also provides research infrastructure and gives policy advice on the national and international levels. Its library, with a collection of some 360,000 items, is one of the largest specializing in East and Southeast Europe. Since January 2017, the Institute has been a member of the Leibniz Association, receiving funding from the German Federal Government and the Free State of Bavaria. The Institute's equality measures have been awarded the TOTAL E-QUALITY-Certificate, most recently in 2024.

IOS cooperates with the University of Regensburg closely in the fields of teaching and research. As part of efforts to deepen research cooperation and further international collaborations, IOS and the University of Regensburg established the Leibniz ScienceCampus *Europe and America in the Modern World: Transformations and Frictions of Globality since the 19th century* (LSC) in 2019. This platform is funded by the Leibniz Association. One of its key aims is to support Early Career Scholars and to enable new research projects.

As part of these efforts, we invite applications for an

Early-Stage Postdoctoral Researcher (m/f/d) (100 % FTE) on a twelve-month contract

starting on 1.4.2027. The remuneration will be up to the level of the German public sector pay grade TV-L E13. The fixed term contract is limited to 12 months.

The successful candidate will be expected to develop a postdoctoral project, enabling applications for longer-term postdoctoral positions or other external funding.

Drawing on the interdisciplinary approaches of contemporary area studies, the Leibniz ScienceCampus clusters researchers from various disciplines – including history, cultural and literary studies, law, economics and social sciences – to generate better understanding of the history of globality and of contemporary developments in transatlantic relations and entanglements. The LSC is interested in relations between the Americas and diverse regions of Europe in the period since the 19th century. The thematic focus of the LSC is on: (1) (In-)Security and Sovereignty; 2) Translating Knowledge and Cultures; 3) Uneven Supply Chains; 4) Refugee Worldmaking. The cross-cutting AreasLab offers space for theoretical and methodological reflection. More information on the activities and research profile of the LSC can be found here: www.europeamerica.de.

Your profile and responsibilities:

- You have an excellent doctoral degree and outstanding track-record, including a postgraduate degree (Magister, Master, Diplom, Staatsexamen, or equivalent), in relevant subjects.

(If you have yet to be awarded your doctoral degree, you must have at least submitted your dissertation before the application deadline).

- Your doctoral defence (*viva voce*) should have taken place within three years of the application deadline. Periods of parental leave or other care responsibilities will be taken into account.
- You have an innovative idea for an individual postdoctoral project relevant to the research areas of the Regensburg Leibniz ScienceCampus.
- You have a competitive publication record, reflective of your current career stage
- You have experience of academic activities, including giving talks and organizing workshops, panels, etc.
- You have a very good command of English and knowledge of the language(s) necessary for you to pursue your research project
- Knowledge of German is a plus
- You are open to interdisciplinary themes and approaches, including reflections on ideas of space and entanglement.

What we offer

- An international, interdisciplinary and dynamic research environment connecting IOS and the University of Regensburg
- The opportunity to participate in the programme of the Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies as well as the activities of other area studies platforms in Regensburg, including the Department of Interdisciplinary and Multiscalar Area Studies (DIMAS), Regensburg European-American Forum (REAF), the Spanish Research Centre CEH, Thinkspace Ukraine, and seeFField
- The opportunity to apply for additional funding for research and conference trips
- Comprehensive supervision including peer mentoring
- A global network of partner institutions
- Family-friendly structures and anti-discrimination policies
- A working space in Regensburg, whose Old Town is inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Application documents

- An outline of your proposed postdoctoral project (max. 6 pages), including a project schedule and details of why you consider it relevant to the ScienceCampus and why you are suited to undertake this project
- Covering letter (max. 2 pages)
- CV including any publications and talks given, as well as any prizes or external funding secured
- Copies of your qualifications (degrees and secondary education, language certificates, etc.)
- Abstract of your doctoral dissertation and master's thesis (or equivalent)
- Two reference letters from university lecturers or professors (including at least one doctoral supervisor or examiner).

Applications can only be submitted electronically via the IOS application portal <https://leibniz-ios.de/en/vacancies-and-internships>. Applications submitted via email or post will not be considered.

The application deadline is 30 November 2026.

Any questions should be directed to *Dr. Paul Vickers, Coordinator of the Leibniz ScienceCampus* (+49 941 943 5964, campus@europeamerica.de).

Severely disabled applicants will be favoured in cases where suitability for the position is essentially equal.

IOS strives for a balanced gender ratio in all employee groups. We thus particularly encourage women to apply for this position. The institute is also committed to improving the compatibility of family and work.

We also encourage people with non-German citizenship and a migration background to apply.

All submitted data on your person will be deleted at the latest six months after finishing the selection process.