
Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) Regensburg

The Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) is an interdisciplinary research centre in Regensburg, Germany, exploring historical, economic, and political developments in Eastern and South-eastern Europe. IOS is publicly funded by the Federal Government of Germany and the Free State of Bavaria. Since 2017, IOS has been member of the Leibniz Association, one of the leading associations of research institutions in Germany. IOS closely cooperates with the University of Regensburg. For more information on IOS go to www.leibniz-ios.de/en

The Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) in Regensburg invites applications for a

Postdoctoral Researcher (f/m/d)

within the ERC Consolidator Grant project *EMPOWER: Empowering Legacy – Sites of Romani Genocide and Community Commemoration in East and East-Central Europe (Project 101231452 — EMPOWER)* starting at the earliest possible date, ideally August 1, 2026.

The position is full-time (100%, up to TV-L E13) and limited to four years.

The ERC project EMPOWER examines sites of the Romani genocide and community commemoration in East and East-Central Europe since the postwar period to the present. The project develops a comparative and community-centred approach to memory, combining archival and field research with digital mapping and public dissemination. A particular emphasis is placed on collaboration with Roma communities across the region.

Responsibilities (Work in accordance with the guidelines of the European Research Council)

- Research on community commemoration and/or sites of memory of the Romani genocide in one or more of the following countries: Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia
- Contribution to the project's comparative and conceptual framework
- Participation in the development of digital and spatial components (including interactive mapping of sites)
- Support in the organization of academic and public events
- Contribution to public dissemination formats (including a short film and an exhibition)
- Presentation of research results at international conferences and publication in peer-reviewed outlets.

Requirements

- Completed PhD in History, Anthropology, Cultural Studies, or a related discipline
- Research profile in memory studies, genocide studies, Romani studies, or related fields
- Experience in archival research in East and/or East-Central Europe
- Proficiency in at least one of the following languages: Romani, Hungarian, Polish, Czech, or Slovak
- Excellent command of English
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively within an interdisciplinary research team
- Excellent communication skills and the ability to engage with academic as well as non-academic audiences
- Willingness to relocate to Regensburg

Desirable qualifications:

- Experience in public engagement and community-based research
- Experience working with Roma organizations
- Experience with digital humanities, mapping, or spatial research methods.

Applicants from a Roma background are explicitly encouraged to apply.

Our offer:

- Participation in a prestigious ERC Consolidator Grant project
- An intellectually stimulating and international research environment
- Opportunities for academic publication and innovative public dissemination
- A workplace in Regensburg, a UNESCO World Heritage city
- Equal opportunities and support for the balancing of family and professional life

For further information, please contact bewerbung@ios-regensburg.de

How to apply:

Please submit your application **online** via the IOS application portal at <https://leibniz-ios.de/en/vacancies-and-internships> and upload your application documents. Documents must be in pdf format. Applications via email will not be accepted.

Application documents:

- Cover letter
- CV
- List of publications
- Contact details of two references

Deadline for applications: **April 22, 2026.**

The interviews are expected to take place online on the mornings of May 11, 12 and 18.

IOS Regensburg is an equal opportunity employer.

The IOS strives for a balanced gender ratio in all employee groups. We also encourage people with non-German citizenship and a migration background to apply. The institute is also committed to improving the compatibility of family and work.

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



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