



The Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies is looking for a doctoral student to fill the position of

Research Assistant

for its SNSF-funded project “Coherence or Contestation: Chinese, Japanese and Russian Approaches to the Transformation of Peacebuilding Practices”.

Application deadline: 1 July 2018 (midnight)

Starting date: 1 October 2018

Contract modalities: 100% contract (with 40% of the time devoted to the project and 60% to the writing of his/her dissertation), issued for one year and renewed annually – upon mutual consent – until the end of the project in September 2021 (subject to continuous enrolment in a doctoral programme).

About the project: By focusing on the observed disconnect between the mainstream Anglophone liberal peace paradigm and the narratives and practices of “new” peacebuilding actors such as China, Russia and Japan, this project seeks to study normative global transformation by analysing the manner in which both top-down and bottom-up dynamics influence the nature, content, and direction of normative change. In doing so, it advances a new theoretical and methodological framework that seeks to offer an innovative contribution to contemporary scholarship on a) norm diffusion; b) the role of rising powers in global governance; and c) the (re)shaping of international order.

Main tasks and responsibilities of the research assistant: The focus of this position is to work with the principal investigators and a post-doctoral researcher on the implementation of this project, focusing specifically on the case of China. Tasks include:

- Desk research, data compilation, and joint analysis (including the elaboration of the project’s theoretical framework);
- The preparation and implementation of two field visits to Beijing in the second year of the project;
- The drafting of various project deliverables, including academic papers and issue briefs; and
- The dissemination of project findings in Beijing, Geneva, Moscow, New York and Tokyo.

Required qualifications:

- A Master’s degree in a social science discipline and preferably a grounding in the theories and methods of International Relations and/or Political Science;
- Oral and written proficiency in Mandarin Chinese and excellent English-language writing, drafting, and communication skills;
- An interest in the fields of peacebuilding, foreign aid, norm localisation, normative transformation or other fields related to the research project;
- Strong desk research and analytical skills; and
- The ability to work under time pressure, meet multiple deadlines, and work both autonomously and in a participatory manner within an team.

Applicants must be enrolled in a doctoral programme at the starting date of the project (1 October 2018) and for the duration of the contract.

To apply, please send 1) a one-page letter of motivation addressed to Dr. Oliver Jütersonke (CCDP Head of Research), 2) a complete CV, and 3) one academic writing sample, via email to ccd@graduateinstitute.ch by **Sunday, 1 July 2018 (midnight)**.