Regional Political Authority in comparative perspective (REGPOL-ALA) 1 full-time doctoral position/grant (3 years) in international relations/political science.

Offer description

This is a call for applications for o**ne full-time doctoral position in the framework of an ANR REGPOL-ALA research grant (ANR-JCJC)** at Université de Tours (France). The project is led by Kevin Parthenay (IRJI, Institut Universitaire de France).

The selected candidate will start on 1st of September 2023 and be funded by Université de Tours (via ANR) doctoral grant for 36 months.

Objectives of the project

This project has the ambition **to explore the surge of new forms of political authority beyond states, at the regional scale**. Comparing four regional organizations (ROs) in Africa and Latin America, the main objective is to identify the types, determinants and effects of regional political authority.

In order to address this question, the project builds on the intersection of IR institutionalisms, international political sociology, and international public administration. The project advances debates in the comparative regionalism and regional governance literatures by offering a context-sensitive framework of analysis of regional bureaucracies, staffs and practices. Methodologically, a mixed methods approach (prosopography, ethnographic observations and semi-structured interviews) supplemented by inter-regional comparisons (on the basis of three variables presented further) will advance debates in IR concerning the effects of cumulative micro-level factors (individual characteristics) on macro-transformations (regional political authority).

The ANR's Principal Investigator will focus on two Latin American cases while **the full-time doctoral position offered will focus specifically on the two African cases**: the East African Community (EAC, headquarter Arusha, Tanzania) and the South African Development Community (SADC, headquarter Gaborone, Botswana).

Within this framework, the PhD candidate will develop his/her doctoral research in the frame of the objectives described above and the methodological framework elaborated by the ANR's Principal Investigator.

Requirements

Research Field
Political sciences/international relations
Education Level
Master Degree or equivalent

Profiles and skills

Candidates are expected to:

- Hold a Master's degree granting access to doctoral programmes (120 credits) in International Relations and/or Political Science
- Have expertise and/or interest in regional and/or international organizations.
- Exhibit a strong academic record
- Prove their ability to work in an international/multilingual environment
- Have an excellent command of English

Specific Requirements

- A good command of one of these languages is a strong asset: Spanish, French.
- Good command of statistical softwares (web scraping skills are an asset)
- Show their ability to work in a team, to meet deadlines and to combine autonomy with respect of guidelines.

Languages
FRENCH Level Excellent
ENGLISH Level Excellent

Research Field
Political Science / International Relations

Additional information

This multidisciplinary project will be anchored at the University of Tours (Tours, France) where the workspace of the PhD candidates will be located and more particularly, with the IRJI research center.

The project foresees dedicated funding for hardware, software, proofreading, event organisation, and travel costs for all members of the project.

The research grant is provided for 3 years for a total amount of 110 540, 25€.

Coût d'un contrat doctoral débutant au 01/10/2023						
Année	**réf brut arrêté**	**INM**	**Brut mensuel**	**CTE mensuel**	**Nbr de mois**	**Total**
2023	2044,12	422	2046,71	2882,18	3	8 646,54

	2024	2100	433	2100,06	2957,3	12	35 487,60
	2025	2200	454	2021,91	3100,73	12	37 208,76
	2026	2300	475	2303,76	3244,15	9	29 197,35
						36	**110 540,25**

How to apply

The following application documents are to be sent by email to Kevin Parthenay (kevin.parthenay@univ-tours.fr) **no later than 3rd of April 2023.**

- A motivation letter explaining the candidate's general interest for the project (no longer than 800 words).
- A curriculum vitae listing all qualifications and relevant experience.
- A working paper, article, monographs (or other) written/published by the candidate.
- Name, affiliation, e-mail and phone number of two referees who can be contacted if necessary.
- A copy of the passport/ID as well master's degree certificate.

A limited number of pre-selected candidates will be invited to an interview which will take place **online** between **mid-April and early May 2023**. Short-listed candidates will be asked to make a brief presentation outlining their motivation and prospective contribution to the project.

Questions and inquiries may be sent to Kevin Parthenay (kevin.parthenay@univ-tours.fr)

Work Location(s)

Number of offers available
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