



The working section Praktische Philosophie of the Institute of Philosophy is looking for

One or two student research assistants in Philosophy (Theories of Justice and Ethics) in the Research Project “Historical Injustice and Changed Circumstances” (<https://historicalinjustice.uni-graz.at/de/das-projekt/>)

(5 or 10 hours a week; fixed-term employment for the period of 18 months; position to be filled preferably starting April 1st 2021 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 student research assistant will support the project leader and postdoc by researching literature, compiling a database of works on historical injustice and empirical research findings on the cases, formatting papers for publication and the planned edited volume(s) and/or special issue(s), organizing the international workshop and conference, maintaining the internet platform of the project, and, continually documenting the work done by team members on the public project website.

Applicants must be enrolled in a philosophy, history, law, cultural anthropology, Jewish studies or social science study programme (at the level of BA or preferably MA or equivalent) at the University of Graz, preferably in a philosophy programme. Good knowledge in English (at level C1 or higher) is expected. Preferably applicants plan to write a BA or Master thesis on philosophical aspects of historical injustice.

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

- a motivation letter
- an abstract in English of the BA or Master thesis in preparation
- a Curriculum Vitae including information on previous work experience, evidence for knowledge in English
- transcript of records

Applicants may also submit up to two references.

The selection procedure will commence immediately after the application deadline. 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)

Application Deadline: **March 10th 2021**

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: kanita.kovacevic@uni-graz.at

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