

## Vacancy Notice

### Research Fellow – Space Policy

The Institute of International Relations Prague (IIR) has been the leading Czech academic institution in the field of international studies since 1957. As an active member of international research networks, the IIR engages in state-of-the-art academic research in the fields of International Relations, European Studies, Security Studies, International Political Sociology, International Political Economy, and International Law. The Institute is an independent public research institution founded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, that produces policy research both for the Ministry and other national and international governmental bodies. It also serves as an *agora* for scholars, policy makers and citizens interested in international politics, and it stimulates and broadens the horizons of the public debate. The Institute organizes dozens of events every year, publishes books and journals in its own publishing house, and educates new talents in a joint Ph.D. programme with Metropolitan University Prague. Its administrative, research and project support, event and public relations service and the services of its library (with a unique collection of IR literature and performing information and knowledge management role) as well as its offices in the historical centre of Prague provide an exceptionally stimulating environment for research and communicating its outcomes to policy makers and public.

The IIR is now seeking to recruit a research fellow for project TAČR Éta.

#### Project title:

A multidisciplinary analysis of planetary defence from asteroids as the key national policy ensuring further flourishing and prosperity of humankind both on Earth and in Space.

#### Qualifications

- ▶ Ph.D. level in political science, international relations, preferably with focus on international security and cyber security/policy;
- ▶ knowledge in national space programs and space policy in general (professional experience will be considered as an advantage but expressed personal strong interest will be considered as well);
- ▶ strong critical and analytical thinking;
- ▶ willingness to advise elected representatives,
- ▶ strong presentation skills.

#### Responsibility

- ▶ Our new colleague will help us to write a narrative of a national foreign policy in the space domain;
- ▶ the policy will reflect cosmopolitan and humanist ideas while focusing on Large Technical Systems as enablers of inclusive global policy in space;

- ▶ the above sketched objectives require overall knowledge of current national space policy positions in COPUOS (will be studied), current national scientific and technological capacities and definition of requirements what capacities need to be developed by scientific authorities;
- ▶ particular focus will be put on current laser capabilities in various applications;
- ▶ the idea is that our whole efforts will also help to sketch future EU space policy of the EU Agency of Space Program which will have headquarters in Prague.

### **Benefits**

- ▶ An unique opportunity for engaged research in a centre of academic excellence that also participates in the design and implementation of public policies;
- ▶ A full-time one-year contract (with possible extension)
- ▶ Monthly gross salary: 35,000,-Kč.
- ▶ Environment conducive to both personal development and work/life harmony (with the prospect of in-house childcare);
- ▶ Five weeks of annual leave.

### **Application Procedure**

If you are interested in a career with us, please submit the following documentation to **[kosikova@iir.cz](mailto:kosikova@iir.cz)**:

- ▶ A cover letter;
- ▶ A curriculum vitae with a list of publications and current/past participation in research projects;

The position is tenable as soon as the selection process is completed.

Contract can begin as soon as we agree on the applicant but not later than on 09/2019.

The IIR is an equal opportunity employer. Female candidates are encouraged to apply.