Position of Masters-level Student Researcher
part-time – 37.5% to 50%

Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP)
at the Geneva Graduate Institute

Application deadline: June 6th 2024
Start date: September 1st 2024 (or upon mutual agreement)
Duration: 12 months, renewable

Introduction

The research project on ***State-building and the Global Practices of Security Sector Reform*** at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding of the Geneva Graduate Institute explores the conceptual, practical and historical foundations of global practices related to efforts to re-engineer, reconstruct or reform security institutions. Its overall objective is to investigate and critically interrogate these practices, which inform the policies and programmes for security reform (SSR) promoted by international and regional institutions, multilateral and bilateral donors, and a self-constituted "community of practice." The goal is to 1) better understand the historical logic of state-building underpinning these practices, 2) more specifically, identify their vision of the "appropriate" configuration of institutions of organized violence in conflict- affected and fragile states, and 3) explain the persistence of these practices in the face of repeated shortcomings or failures.

Mission, role and activities

We are recruiting candidates that will form part of the research team for the "State-building and the Global Practices of Security Sector Reform" project, a four-year project funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). The project includes two MA student researcher positions for **MA students enrolled at the Geneva Graduate Institute for the entire contract duration.**

Profile

We are seeking to recruit one or two MA students **with an interest or specialization in one or more of the following areas:**

•State-building and post-conflict peacebuilding policies and practices;
•Any aspect of the security sector and/or security sector reform (broadly defined);
•Armed conflict, political violence and violence prevention;
•A regional or area studies interest in sub-Saharan Africa, East-Central Europe, LatinAmerica, or South/Southeast Asia.

In addition to these areas of specialization, **the following skills are expected**:

•A background in a relevant social science field (political science, international relations, international political sociology, etc.) and;
•Excellent English-language writing and speaking skills (required);

•A willingness to take on independent responsibilities and leadership tasks (required);
•Proficient communication skills and an ability to work independently as well as in teams(required);
•Experience working with datasets (valued)
•Proficiency in one or more of French, Spanish or German (valued).

Dossier and admission process

To apply, please address a motivation letter, CV, and the information below by email to ccdp@graduateinstitute.ch, addressed to Keith Krause, CCDP Director, with subject: "CCDP Application Masters-level Student Researcher SSR". Interviews will be held starting on the week of June 24th 2024.

Please include the following in your application:
•Diplomas, Grade transcript, and sample writing;
•A short statement of your interest in the project on "State-building and the Global Practices of Security Sector Reform" (max 800 words);
•The names of two references who may be contacted in case of shortlisting.

What we offer

The successful candidate will actively contribute to project related activities, working in close collaboration with the Principal Investigator (Professor Keith Krause) and the two doctoral researchers by collecting and coding data to develop the data set. This work is anticipated to unfold over two years, with the first year devoted to extensive data collection, the second to coding and cleaning the data for subsequent analysis.

We are an equal opportunity employer and value diversity at our company. We do not discriminate on the basis of age, marital status, disability status, race, national origin, color, gender, sexual orientation or religion.