

## 3-Year Postdoc Position (65%) at the Department of Sociology

We are seeking to fill a postdoc position (65%) within the project *Creating Identity out of War and Migration* (Austrian Science Fund FWF grant No. PAT5402223, Project lead: Ana Mijić), ideally by March 2025.

### About the Project

Thirty years have passed since the violent dissolution of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, culminating in the devastating war in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Between 1992 and 1995, this conflict claimed the lives of more than 100,000 people and forced approximately 2.5 million to flee their homes. Around one million sought refuge in over 20 countries worldwide.

The research project *Creating Identity out of War and Migration* explores the long-term effects of war and forced migration on the identities of individuals who fled Bosnia-Herzegovina as children or adolescents through narrative-biographical interviews. These interviews will be conducted in Vienna and Chicago—two significantly different immigration settings—and analyzed using a reconstructive-hermeneutical approach. The project is rooted in the social-constructivist sociology of knowledge and engages with theories of symbolic and social boundary-making, as well as reflexive migration studies.

### Position Details

**Duration of employment:** The contract is initially limited to 1 year, with the possibility of extension up to a total of 3 years.

**Extent of Employment:** 26.0 hours/week (65%) (negotiable)

[Job grading in accordance with collective bargaining agreement:](#) §48 VwGr. B1 Grundstufe (postdoc) with relevant work experience determining the assignment to a particular salary grade.

### Job Description:

- Core researcher within the *Creating Identity out of War and Migration* project.
- International publications and presentations.
- Strengthening your independent research profile.
- **Note:** No teaching obligations.

As part of a small, dynamic research team, you will work in a collaborative and flexible environment that encourages independent thinking. We value a positive workplace culture, within a vibrant and established department that fosters professional development and offers ample opportunities for collaboration.

### Your Profile:

- Doctoral degree in sociology, social anthropology, or a related discipline.
- In-depth knowledge and strong expertise in qualitative (interpretive) methodologies.
- Desirable: Competencies in (forced) migration studies; familiarity with theories in the fields of sociology of knowledge, identity theories, theories of symbolic boundary-making, and intersectionality research.
- Excellent written and spoken English (minimum B2/C1 level) is essential. Additional proficiency in either German or Bosnian (minimum B2 level) is required; fluency in all three languages is preferred.
- A collaborative, team-oriented, and proactive attitude.
- Excellent organizational skills and reliability.

### Application Documents

Please submit a single PDF document named “LastName\_FirstName.pdf” (in English), including the following:

- An application letter, including a brief description of your motivation for applying, your current research, and your future research plans.
- An academic CV (including a full list of publications and the most important scientific presentations).
- Copies of certificates for academic degrees (mandatory).

Applications should be submitted no later than 30.01.2025 to [ana.mijic@univie.ac.at](mailto:ana.mijic@univie.ac.at). For further information on the post and project: [ana.mijic@univie.ac.at](mailto:ana.mijic@univie.ac.at)