

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

We are seeking to fill a pre-doc 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 (praedoc) with relevant work experience determining the assignment to a particular salary grade.

### Job Description:

- Conducting independent and collaborative research within the *Creating Identity out of War and Migration* project.
- Preparing international publications and presentations.
- Writing a doctoral dissertation in sociology related to the project's topic.
- Participating in the organization of meetings/conferences and research administration (e.g., website updates).
- Developing and 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:

- A completed Master's degree in sociology, social anthropology, or a related discipline.
- Strong interest in and enthusiasm for scientific research.
- In-depth knowledge of qualitative (interpretive) research methods.
- Experience in conducting interviews.
- 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, reliability, and ability to meet deadlines.
- **Desirable:** Academic interest in migration or forced migration studies.

### 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 scientific presentations, if applicable).
- 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)