

Three Research positions for OPUS-Weave project “Non-Ukrainians in Revolutionary Ukraine, 1917–1921“

The National Science Center (NCN) and Austrian Science Fund (FWF) co-funded project “Non-Ukrainians in Revolutionary Ukraine, 1917–1921” (NURU) invites prospective candidates to join this collaborative four-years project with one research team at the Polish Academy of Sciences and another one at the University of Vienna. The Warsaw team will consist of three researchers and the Vienna team of four researchers. The following three positions will be filled:

1. Germans [or] Greeks [or] Moldovans/Romanians in revolutionary Ukraine (PhD position Vienna)
2. Belarusians, Polesians, and Tutejszi in times of a nationalising revolution (PhD position Warsaw)

The Project in its Entirety

NURUkraine aims to reinterpret one of the most critical periods in modern Ukrainian history – the revolutionary changes of 1917-1921 – by exploring the diverse experiences of non-Ukrainian populations living in Ukraine. At that time, Ukrainian lands were a multicultural and multiethnic space. This project comprehensively investigates the political, cultural, and socio-economic agency exerted by non-Ukrainians, both nationally and transnationally, within the revolutionary context of opportunities for emancipation and challenges for survival. The project adopts both top-down and bottom-up perspectives, analysing (1) in-group transformations among non-Ukrainians, (2) their interactions with state authorities, (3) their relations with co-national kin outside Ukraine, and (4) cooperation and (5) violence between different non-Ukrainian groupings. Through this project, we aim to rethink the history of revolution, nationalism, and imperial transformation in modern Ukraine, Russia, and East-Central Europe.

For more information on the project, please refer to our website <https://nuru.univie.ac.at/en/>

For any further information, do not hesitate to contact the project’s two principal investigators:

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Research Position on the topic of “Germans [or] Greeks [or] Moldovans/Romanians in revolutionary Ukraine” (PhD position, University of Vienna)

Job Description

You will analyse the five above-mentioned fields of inquiry with regard to *one* of the nationalities inhabiting revolutionary Ukraine: Germans, Greeks, or Moldovans/Romanians. The choice of which national group you want to study depends on your interests and qualifications. You are expected to complete a PhD thesis at the University of Vienna on a topic related to your research in the project; however, your thesis needs not to overlap entirely with the project. We expect you to publish preliminary results. You will furthermore participate in the weekly meetings of the project team, discuss your findings, make them accessible in our project's database, help to organise two conferences, and assist in the maintenance of the project website.

We Offer

We offer a two-year contract, renewable for another two years after an interim evaluation. The gross salary is approx. 37,600 EUR per year, corresponding to 75% (30 h) of a full position. The preferred but negotiable starting date is 1 March 2025.

You will have a fully equipped workspace at the Department for East European History of the University of Vienna. You are expected to reside in Vienna as NURU is an inhouse project; research visits to the Warsaw team are, however, very welcome. Funding for research missions and participation to international conferences will be provided.

You will be part of an international research team of seven scholars in an intellectually ambitious and challenging project in one of Europe's most pleasant cities.

The University of Vienna is an equal opportunity employer.

Your Qualifications

You must hold an MA degree (or equivalent) by the start of your employment, ideally with a scholarly background in Ukrainian or Russian history, and/or German, Greek, Moldovan, or Romanian history, and/or nationalism studies. You should be familiar with East European history and demonstrate an interest in minority issues, social history, political history, history of transformation, and comparative research questions. You need a very good knowledge of English, Russian, German/Greek/Moldovan/Romanian, and some Ukrainian, and you should be familiar with reference management software like e.g. Zotero or EndNote.

How to Apply

You can apply in German or English before 20 January 2025. Please send the following documents as a single PDF document (entitled: SURNAME, NURU, application 2025, Germans [or] Greeks [or] Romanians) to boerries.kuzmany@univie.ac.at

- 1) Motivation letter (max 2 pages).
- 2) Curriculum vitae, including a list of publications (if applicable).
- 3) Name, email and telephone number of at least two referees (no recommendation letters).
- 4) An exposé of your planned PhD thesis. Please outline how your thesis relates to the objectives of NURU in general and how you will approach your chosen nationality (Germans, Greeks, or Moldovans/Romanians) in particular (approx. 1000 words, excluding bibliography).

5) A writing sample (e.g. an article, or a significant chapter of your MA thesis). It is not necessary that it has already been accepted for publication.

6) A certificate of your MA degree.

You will be informed of the outcome of the selection process by late January 2025. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interviews during the second week of February 2025 in Warsaw.

Open rank research position on the topic of “Belarusians, Polesians, and Tutejszi in times of a nationalising revolution” (PhD position, Polish Academy of Sciences)

Job Description

You will analyse the five above-mentioned fields of inquiry with regard to Belarusians or populations that the Belarusian national movement claimed. Of particular interest will be ingroup transformations and nationbuilding efforts in revolutionary Ukraine (1) as well as the triangular relationship, interaction and entanglements between Belarusians, Russians, and Ukrainians.

You are expected to complete a PhD thesis at the Polish Academy of Sciences on a topic related to your research in the project; however, your thesis needs not to overlap entirely with the project. We expect you to publish preliminary results. You will furthermore participate in the weekly meetings of the project team, discuss your findings, make them accessible in our project’s database, help to organise two conferences, and assist in the maintenance of the project website.

We Offer

We offer a two-year contract, renewable for another two years after an interim evaluation. The net salary is approx. 60,000 PLN per year, corresponding to 100% (40 hours) of a full position. Preferred starting date is 3 February 2025.

You will be affiliated with the Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History of the Polish Academy of Science. You are expected to reside in Warsaw as NURU is an inhouse project; research visits to the Vienna team are, however, very welcome. Funding for research missions and participation to international conferences will be provided.

You will be part of an international research team of seven scholars in an intellectually ambitious and challenging project in one of Europe’s most interesting cities.

The Polish Academy of Science is an equal opportunity employer.

Your Qualifications

You must hold an MA degree (or equivalent). You ideally have a scholarly background in in Ukrainian or Russian history, and/or Belarusian history, and/or nationalism studies. You should demonstrate an interest in minority issues, social history, political history, history of transformation, and comparative research questions. You need a very good knowledge of English, Russian, as well as some Belarusian and Ukrainian, and you should be familiar with reference management software like e.g. Zotero or EndNote.

How to Apply

You can apply in Polish, English or German before 15 January 2025. Please send the following documents as a single PDF document (entitled: SURNAME, NURU, application 2025, Belarusians) to gkorolov@ihpan.edu.pl & ihpan@ihpan.edu.pl.

- 1) Motivation letter (max 2 pages).
- 2) Curriculum vitae, including a list of publications (if applicable).
- 3) Name, email and telephone number of at least two referees (no recommendation letters).
- 4) An exposé of your planned PhD thesis. Please outline how your thesis relates to the objectives of NURU in general and how you will approach Belarusians and Russians in particular (approx. 1000 words, excluding bibliography).
- 5) A writing sample, e.g. an article, or a significant chapter of your MA thesis. It is not necessary that it has already been accepted for publication.
- 6) A certificate of your MA degree.

You will be informed of the outcome of the selection process by early January 2025. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interviews during the week of 20–24 January 2025 in Warsaw.