

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – ETHNIC POLICY IN CONTEMPORARY CHINA

TWO RESEARCH POSITIONS AT THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE OF THE CZECH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN PRAGUE

Name: Research Fellow at the Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences

Expertise: Ethnic and/or foreign policy of contemporary China

Duration: 2 years with the possibility of an extension for another 2 years

Start: January 2020 (negotiable)

Eligibility: The Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences is offering **two research positions with an emphasis on ethnic policy in contemporary China**. We encourage applications from scholars focusing specifically, but not exclusively, on Tibetan and Muslim communities within China. The call is open to researchers with a doctoral degree in Chinese Studies, Tibetan Studies and/or other related humanities and social sciences fields with a focus on contemporary China and China's minorities. Candidates must have their PhD degree at the time of application or be able to guarantee that they will receive it before taking up the position. They are expected to have a proven track record of international publications and **the ability to use Chinese and another language of China's minority areas for research**, i.e. to work with original language sources and literature. Candidates should also write and speak fluent academic English as a prerequisite both for working in the international environment of the institute as well as international publishing and networking. Involvement in grant applications will be considered. Candidates are expected to relocate to Prague, Czech Republic. Mobility for the purposes of field research and interaction with international academia will be encouraged.

Description:

The Institute is seeking scholars who have successfully completed a Ph.D. to join a new team focusing on **correlations between China's contemporary ethnic and foreign policy and the consolidation of power of the Communist Party of China**, including such topics as China's public and cultural diplomacy, China's expansion of its international influence, and China's policies toward minority areas and populations in the context of the Belt and Road Initiative.

The start date is scheduled for **January 2020** (negotiable). This is a **non-teaching research position** on a **two-year fixed-term contract** with the possibility of an extension for another 2

years. The Institute will provide office space, a computer, funding for proofreading services and publication expenses, library services (including funding for book purchases), and funding for research trips and academic mobility. Successful candidates are expected to be in residence at the Oriental Institute in Prague. During their residence, researchers are required to publish excellent academic publications, i.e. research articles and monographs, in established international venues. They are expected to connect their research findings and expertise with policy making, media, NGOs, education, public debates and/or other venues involved with contemporary China. The researchers are also expected to take an active part in the Institute's academic events and other networking activities. Successful candidates will be encouraged to use the facilities of the [Taipei Research Center](#) of the Oriental Institute at the Academia Sinica in Taipei. The selected candidate can expect a gross monthly salary of **1,500 - 2,200 EUR**, depending on qualifications, expertise, and previous work experience. The Institute reserves the right not to fill this position.

To apply, please submit all of the following materials:

- 1) A *CV* with a *list of publications*.
- 2) A *research proposal* comprising approximately three to five pages. The proposal should contain an approximate *plan of publications*.
- 3) Two *writing samples* of no more than 20 pages each.
- 4) One *letter of recommendation* submitted by the referee or the applicant before the application deadline.

Deadline for applications: 14 June, 2019

Notification: August 2019

Mailing Instructions and Inquiries: Please send application materials and direct inquiries to Dr. Ondřej Klimeš (klimes@orient.cas.cz) and/or Dr. Jarmila Ptáčková (ptackova@orient.cas.cz).