





The cooperation between the disciplines will provide the college assistants with an extensive understanding of the complex interactions between root causes of, mitigation strategies against and consequences of human rights violations.

## About the involved institutions:

The **University of Vienna** is the oldest university in the German-speaking world and one of the largest in Central Europe. Currently, about 74,000 students are enrolled at the University of Vienna in 177 courses. With staff of close to 8,600 employees, 6,500 of which are academic, the University of Vienna is the largest teaching and research institution in Austria. It aims to sustain a wide range of studies, but at the same time to promote new and innovative fields of research, and to establish new networks between subjects. Please consult the University's website <http://www.univie.ac.at/> for further information.

The members of the faculty responsible for the doctoral college form part of a broader consortium, the interdisciplinary **Research Platform "Human Rights in the European Context"**. The Platform was established at the University of Vienna in February 2008. It assembles academics of 12 departments of the University of Vienna with the purpose of strengthening the inter-disciplinary research on the topic of Human Rights in Europe. A particular focus of the Platform is being put on a synergetic linkage of project implementation and output in terms of dissertations and postdoctoral research work. Thus, the Platform provides younger researchers with an opportunity to carry out inter-disciplinary research projects under the joint supervision of senior researchers from all relevant disciplines. Please consult the Platform's website <http://human-rights.univie.ac.at/> for further information.

The **Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM)** serves as the platform's centre of communication and coordination. It is an independent human rights research institution under the umbrella of the Ludwig Boltzmann Society, a leading Austrian research association. The primary focus of BIM is on research activities in the field of human rights, on the national, European and the international level. BIM staff is also engaged extensively in human rights teaching and training. It is BIM's main objective to offer a link between academic research and legal practise. Therefore, a considerable amount of work is devoted to empirical research and project implementation. Through co-operation with international, European and national institutions – like UN, OSCE, CoE, EU, ICTY, Austrian and foreign ministries – as well as other human rights research institutes and NGOs, BIM strives to provide relevant studies, analysis and data on human rights issues in areas such as international, European and national law, politics, education and the media. Besides that, BIM serves as the Austrian RAXEN National Focal Point of the European Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA). Please consult the Institute's website <http://www.univie.ac.at/bim/> for further information.

## About the requirements:

Applicants for the PhD positions must hold a **four year masters' degree or equivalent** in disciplines related to the college's topic. They must demonstrate previous **human rights related experience** in the academic and/or practical field. Very good knowledge of English (academic level) is required as the research work will be conducted in English.

Applicants who wish to be considered for the position should submit **via email only**:

- A letter of motivation.
- A research proposal of maximum 5 pages in English based on the research topics of the doctoral college "Empowerment through Human Rights", planned publications, and a progress plan.
- Curriculum vitae in English. Please use the Europass CV template provided on the Platform website. Include names and contact details for at least two references as indicated in the template.
- If applicable, a complete list of published and unpublished works.

