

Department of Development Studies at the University of Vienna

Position: Scientific Project Staff (Prae Doc)

Start Date: October 1, 2024

At the Department of Development Studies, a subunit of the Faculty of Social Sciences, we focus on the transdisciplinary analysis of global inequalities and on methodological and methodical questions related to 'development'.

The University of Vienna (Department of Development Studies) and The Syrian Center for Policy Research (SCPR) are collaborating on the project "For Participatory Research in MENA Contexts," funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. This project aims to enhance research capacities and strategies by exploring the potential of participatory research approaches within the context of ongoing conflicts in the MENA region. The goal is to generate knowledge through transdisciplinary research in collaboration with communities to reflect their aspirations and develop transformative solutions towards peace, justice, and sustainability. These innovative approaches empower people by involving them in the development and implementation of interventions, contributing to policy-making and civil society actions to counter conflict dynamics.

Duration of Employment: October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2026

Extent of Employment: 20 hours/week (50% Full-time equivalent)

[Job Grading in accordance with collective bargaining agreement:](#) B1

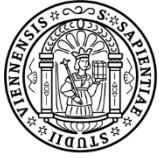
Job Description: As a scientific project staff member, you will primarily work on the project's research in the fields of transdisciplinary research, transformative solutions, peace studies, conflict studies, global justice, and sustainability in Syria.

Your tasks include:

- Participating in the research design of the project
- Supporting the development of the research framework and methodologies
- Assisting with fieldwork
- Analyzing qualitative and quantitative data
- Drafting and editing publications in English and Arabic
- Engaging in dissemination activities
- Participating in department events and projects (e.g., talks or team meetings)

Your Profile:

- Master's degree in Development Studies or related fields (e.g., Political Science, Sociology) and/or Master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies
- Knowledge and/or interest in conflict, solidarity, and citizenship topics
- Experience and knowledge in or about the MENA region, particularly Syria



- Fluent in Arabic and English (ideally also German)
- Proficiency in qualitative and/or quantitative methods
- Proficient with MS Office and literature and data management programs (e.g., Excel, SPSS, Stata, MaxQDA)

Documents to be Submitted: Please send as a single PDF:

- Motivation letter + brief description of the area of studies
- Tabular CV
- Writing sample (e.g., article, paper, MA thesis excerpt)
- If applicable, final notice(s) such as MA certificates (no reports)
- If applicable, proof(s) of qualification(s)
- If applicable, work/internship certificate(s)

Your Application: We look forward to receiving your application, which you can email to Michaela Hochmuth at Michaela.hochmuth@univie.ac.at by July 12, 2024. Written applications can also be sent to the Department of Development Studies c/o Michaela Hochmuth, Sensengasse 3/2/2, 1090 Vienna, Austria.

Further Information: Applicants can enrol at the University of Vienna as PhD students when concluding the employment contract. In any case, the employment relationship ends on March 31, 2026.

Place of Work: Vienna, Austria

For more information about the position at the department, please contact Rabie Nasser (rabie.nasser@univie.ac.at, +43-1-4277-64127). For organizational and formal questions about the application or possible employment, please contact Michaela Hochmuth (Michaela.hochmuth@univie.ac.at, +43-1-4277-64103).

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We encourage applications from underrepresented groups in academia, especially from third countries.