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FACULTY	INSTITUTE/DEPARTMENT	RESEARCH TOPIC (PROJECT)	DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH TOPIC (approx. 60 words)	SUPERVISOR (+ e-mail)	CONTACT PERSON (+e-mail)
Faculty of Social Sciences	Department of European Economic Integration and Economic Policy	Multinational corporations	Tax avoidance by multinational enterprises remains a central challenge of globalization. Despite major reforms over the past fifteen years, we still lack clear evidence on what works and what this implies for the future of international taxation. Using unique administrative and country-by-country reporting data, the project evaluates existing reforms and assesses whether incremental changes suffice or systemic reform offers a more effective solution.	Petr Janský, petr.jansky@fsv.cuni.cz	Petr Janský, petr.jansky@fsv.cuni.cz
Faculty of Social Sciences	Institute of Economic Studies	Finance in Place: Banks, Inequality, and Political Behavior	This project investigates how banking-sector shocks and regulatory interventions redistribute credit and shape political outcomes. Using newly linked bank–firm microdata and granular measures of local political behavior, it will identify how funding stress, capital/liquidity rules, and crisis programs alter who receives credit, at what price, and with what default risk. Quasi-experimental exposure designs and local projections will quantify distributional effects across regions and sectors, then test whether these shifts predict political instability—changes in turnout, polarization, inequality and support for anti-establishment parties.	Prof. Roman Horvath, horvath@fsv.cuni.cz	Prof. Roman Horvath, horvath@fsv.cuni.cz
Faculty of Social Sciences	Institute of International Studies	Open Strategic Autonomy in the Defence Sector: Interests, Strategies, and Contestations	The project should focus on the development of defence sectors in EU member states in the context of the push for open strategic autonomy. The dual shock of Russian war against Ukraine and the Trump administration's credibility issues has led the EU and its member states to reconsider their approach to military force, defence industry, and European collaboration. The aim of the project should be to deliver a comparative analysis of selected EU member states, particular, but not limited to smaller and middle-sized countries, to better understand their interests and preferences in the defence open strategic autonomy debate, as well as the consequences for European cooperation.	Prof. Tomáš Weiss; weiss@fsv.cuni.cz	Prof. Tomáš Weiss; weiss@fsv.cuni.cz
Faculty of Protestant Theology	Department of Church History and Systematic Theology	Concepts of death	Death is a omnipresent reality and a constitutive boundary of (human) life, but simultaneously a multi-layered and multi-faceted phenomenon, which is quite difficult to grasp. The project should elaborate current philosophical and theological conceptions of death (whole-death theory, theory of immortal soul) and bring it into a dialogue with an interdisciplinary context of other disciplines including biotechnology and medicine, in which current problems as, e.g., euthanasia/assisted suicide or the transhumanist vision of technological overcoming of death and achieving immortality open up. The goal is a complex conception of death, which includes all its current dimensions: the ontological, the biological, the technological, and the ethical ones.	Doc. Petr Gallus, Ph.D. (gallus@etf.cuni.cz)	Doc. Petr Gallus, Ph.D. (gallus@etf.cuni.cz)
Faculty of Protestant Theology	Department of Biblical Studies	Making New Models of the Emergence of Pentateuch Relevant	In the centuries-long debate about the history and theology of the Pentateuch, the clear division of literary sources has been superseded by more open concepts that pay attention to interest groups behind the texts—resulting in continuous Fortschreibung—technical aspects of scribal activities, and the blurred boundaries between literary and textual criticism. The struggle for relevance has been recognized behind these processes. This struggle, in its historical context as reflected in the texts of the Pentateuch, will be studied—with an admitted search for inspiration for today.	doc. Petr Sláma, Ph.D. slama@etf.cuni.cz	slama@etf.cuni.cz
Faculty of Protestant Theology	Ecumenical institute	Reimagining Transcendence: A Hesychast-Protestant Dialogue Toward a New Theological Anthropology	This project examines the contemporary search for transcendence by bringing Eastern Orthodoxy's embodied, experiential Hesychast path into dialogue with Protestant phenomenology of religion. Integrating the mystical anthropology of Evagrius Ponticus, St. Symeon the New Theologian, and St. Gregory Palamas with the experiential insights of Schleiermacher, Otto, and William James, it seeks to craft a renewed theological anthropology grounded in lived encounter. Through historical-textual study, qualitative research in Athonite monastic contexts, and systematic-theological synthesis, the project develops an integrated framework of spiritual transformation capable of addressing both modern existential quests and academic theological discourse.	Zdenko Širka, PhD sirka@etf.cuni.cz	Zdenko Širka, PhD sirka@etf.cuni.cz
Faculty of Protestant Theology	Department of Philosophy of Religion	Early Christian Thought	Early Christian Thought: Eastern and Western Philosophical and Theological ideas in comparison (e.g. Clement of Alexandria, Origen, Gregory of Nyssa, Donsysius the Areopagite, Marius Victorinus, Augustine, Boethius).	Prof. Lenka Karfíková, Dr. theol. karfiki@volny.cz	Prof. Lenka Karfíková, Dr. theol. karfiki@volny.cz
Faculty of Protestant Theology	Ecumenical institute	Theological Anthropological Investigations of Totalitarianism, Freedom, Faith and Resistance: Lessons from the Communist Past	The project should focus on analysis of a selected key figure active in ecclesial diplomacy during the Communist persecution, such as Cardinal Josef Beran or Cardinal František Tomášek, figures of strong ecumenical impact who were examples of resistance and supporters of freedom and human rights. Scholars coming from outside of that milieu, and hence having some distance to it, should work with archival materials, historical, political and cultural contexts, should ground a solid theological analysis of their implicit and explicit understanding of human beings, their faith in God, relationship with the church and with the world in the times of crisis, and draw possible analogies to our times of crisis.	Prof. Ivana Noble, Ph.D. noble@etf.cuni.cz	Prof. Ivana Noble, Ph.D. noble@etf.cuni.cz
Faculty of Humanities	Department of Historical Studies, Oral History - Contemporary History	Governing Queer Lives: State Power, Intimacy and Citizenship in East Central Europe, 1956–20??	This project investigates how late socialist and early post-socialist regimes governed queer lives in Czechoslovakia and its successor states within a comparative East Central European perspective. It analyses policing, public health, and urban regulation, and reconstructs everyday negotiations with state power. Drawing on archival research, oral history, and queer theory, this research compares socialist and neoliberal regimes, advancing debates on contested citizenship, intimacy, and emerging illiberalisms in the region.	Jaromír Mrňka (jaromir.mrnka@fhs.cuni.cz)	Jaromír Mrňka (jaromir.mrnka@fhs.cuni.cz)
Faculty of Humanities	Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology	ResisTerra: Rethinking Politics Across the Range of More-Than-Human Struggles	From animals in captivity striking back against their trainers to alliances between weeds and locals in confronting expansive plantations. Studies of other-than-human or more-than-human resistance, refusal or unruliness are on the rise in anthropology, environmental humanities, and related disciplines. What remains side-stepped or under elaborated in most of this work, the ResisTerra project argues, is the question of politics; that is when and how relations become political in such struggles. Deploying ethnographic methods over a case suggested by the postdoc, the project aims at centre-staging precisely this neglected trouble.	Bob Kufík, Ph.D., bob.kurik@fhs.cuni.cz	Bob Kufík, Ph.D., bob.kurik@fhs.cuni.cz

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Faculty of Social Sciences	Institute of International Studies	Moralism in international politics	<p>The project should focus on any aspect related to the problem of moralism in international politics. Morality has been at the heart of both academic debates in the field of International Relations, and practical foreign policy doctrines, e.g. those building on the notions of normative power, ethical foreign policy, or feminist foreign policy. Yet, moralism – a discourse characterised by an uncompromising deployment of morality in social and political contexts – can also be divisive and self-defeating. The project should look into innovative ways of theorising moralism in and for IR, or for empirical studies of moralism in novel contexts.</p> <p>Excellent candidates interested in applying for a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship are invited to develop a research proposal within the thematic framework outlined below.</p>	Assoc. Prof. Jakub Eberle (jakub.eberle@fsv.cuni.cz)	Assoc. Prof. Jakub Eberle (jakub.eberle@fsv.cuni.cz)
Faculty of Social Sciences	Institute of International Studies	Everyday Histories of Violence in Europe (c. 1800-Early 21st Century)	<p>This supervision offer focuses on the history of violence in Europe from roughly the nineteenth century to the early twenty-first century. Projects may explore violence in its everyday historical contexts, addressing how it was perceived, experienced, interpreted, and dealt with within societies. Projects may also examine how different actors—local or central, state and non-state—responded to violence in discourse and practice. There is a particular interest in research that foregrounds the agency and perspectives of historical actors, especially victims, perpetrators, and witnesses. Other possible analytical perspectives include the study of silence, silencing, and processes of marginalization.</p> <p>Methodologically, the framework encourages qualitative research grounded in history. Projects combining microhistorical approaches with comparative or transnational perspectives are particularly welcome. The geographical focus is Europe, and projects should take the form of case studies situated in specific European contexts rather than attempting to cover the continent as a whole. At the same time, proposals may explore connections beyond Europe—for example through imperial, colonial, or other transnational contexts—provided that the European dimension remains central. Within this broad framework, projects may address various forms of violence, such as collective, political, sexualized, interpersonal, or domestic violence. Projects may also engage with analytical perspectives such as gender and gendered violence. Another possible analytical dimension concerns the concept of the “postwar” as a framework for understanding how societies dealt with violence in the aftermath of major conflicts. Proposals that draw on lesser-known or previously unexplored sources, or on a diverse range of source types, are encouraged. Interdisciplinary perspectives are also relevant when they contribute to historically grounded analyses of violence.</p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to develop ambitious and innovative research questions, case studies, and methodological approaches within this broad thematic framework. Rather than covering the entire chronological span indicated above, the aim is to situate individual projects within the wider historical context of violence in European societies. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact me at an early stage to discuss project ideas and further develop them for a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship proposal.</p>	prof. PhDr. Ota Konrád, Ph.D.	prof. PhDr. Ota Konrád, Ph.D.
Faculty of Social Sciences	Institute of International Studies	Memory Studies	<p>We welcome applications from outstanding researchers seeking to develop a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship project on the memory of conflict and difficult pasts across Europe and beyond. Proposals may examine how societies remember, narrate, contest, or silence past conflicts, crises, and difficult histories, and how these processes shape collective identities, public debates, and cultural representations. Projects should be historically grounded and may combine microhistorical case studies with comparative or transnational perspectives. Fellows will join the Research Centre for Memory Studies, an internationally recognized hub in the field, embedded in the global memory studies network and closely cooperating with the Memory Studies Association, offering an excellent environment for innovative and internationally connected research.</p>	Prof. Kateřina Králová, kralova@fsv.cuni.cz	Prof. Kateřina Králová, kralova@fsv.cuni.cz