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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

RESEARCH FELLOW IN REGIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY (P-3)

Organizational Unit : United Nations University – Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS)

Reference Number : 2009/UNU/CRIS/RFRP&S/17

Applications to : Professor Dr. Luk Van Langenhove, UNU-CRIS Director, Potterierei 72, 8000 Bruges, Belgium. Fax: +32 50 47 13 09 or email to pvantorre@cris.unu.edu

All applications/nominations will be acknowledged.

Closing Date : 20 October 2009
(Please note that late applications– post date later than 20 October 2009 - will not be considered and only short-listed candidates will be notified)

UNU Mission:

The United Nations University (UNU) is an international community of scholars, engaged in research, postgraduate training and dissemination of knowledge in furthering the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. The mission of the UNU is to contribute, through research and capacity building, to efforts to resolve the pressing global problems that are the concern of the United Nations and its Member States. Key goals are to serve as an international community of scholars; a bridge between the United Nations and the international academic community; and as a think-tank for the United Nations system; to contribute to capacity building, particularly in developing countries; and to serve as a platform for new and creative ideas. For more information, please visit www.unu.edu.

UNU-CRIS Objectives:

UNU-CRIS is a Research and Training Programme of the UNU located in Bruges, Belgium. The focus of its research is on regional integration processes and the interlinkages between global and regional governance. Research at UNU-CRIS is organised alongside four broad research areas:

Research Cluster 1: comparative regionalism

Research Cluster 2: monitoring regional integration

Research Cluster 3: regional peace and security

Research Cluster 4: socio-economic dimensions of regional integration

The objective of **research cluster 3** is to explore the meaning and promise of a ‘new vision of global security’, that as the United Nations put it, would draw upon the resources and legitimacy of a network of “effective and mutually-reinforcing multilateral mechanisms- regional and global –

that are flexible and responsive to our rapidly changing and integrating world”. The aim is to ensure that such research stands at the interface between theory and practice, so that the results of the research can be translated into policy-oriented discussion to inform scholars and policy-makers in the international community. The research cluster therefore analyses the theoretical constitutional provisions of the United Nations and regional organisations worldwide for handling conflict aiming to highlight the relationship between a global and a regional approach to differing levels of conflict.

The research cluster on regional peace and security is formed by a team of researchers who study the role of regional and international organizations in peace and security, cooperation between the UN and regional organizations (e.g. European Union or African Union), and regional security in general. Researchers are involved in European FP 6 and FP7 projects and other externally funded projects.

Responsibilities:

We are looking for an outstanding individual with strong commitment and potential. The Research Fellow, under the supervision of the Director, will:

- Design, conduct and coordinate cutting-edge research under **Cluster 3 regional peace and security** of UNU-CRIS
- Build-up a sustainable working relationship with other relevant units within the UNU and UN system.
- Produce high-quality output in international top journals and book series
- Show an openness to perform policy relevant research for the United Nations, regional organisations and national governments
- Supervise and manage the research team of cluster 3. Hold regular meetings with the team and supervise the work of the junior researchers.
- Co-ordinate ongoing research projects and attract new externally funded projects
- Be active in international policy and research networks and give regular conferences on the topics of his/her expertise

Required qualifications:

- Ph.D. in social sciences with a preference for political science, international relations, international law, security studies, development studies or related disciplines;
- At least 5 years of relevant research and/or policy work (the post is open for senior staff interested in a sabbatical)
- Proven track record of high-quality academic publications in the field of regional and global security
- Experience and proven track record of research in the security role of regional organizations. A demonstrated expertise related to Africa, Asia and/or Latin America will be considered as a plus.
- Proficiency in English is required. Knowledge of other official UN languages is an asset.

Remuneration:

Approximate net salary of USD 87,522 p.a. (single status) – USD 109,879 p.a. (with dependants) including post adjustment. Post adjustment is subject to change. The post carries the standard set of UN entitlements/benefits, including participation in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the possibility of participation in a health insurance programme, education grant for eligible children, removal expenses and home leave. For more information please visit: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm. The Rector reserves the right to appoint suitable candidates at a lower category.

Duration of contract: This is a fixed term appointment where period of initial contract would be for a two-year term with the possibility of renewal on the basis of excellent performance.

Staff members of the United Nations University are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Rector and may be assigned to any of the activities or offices of the United Nations University. Applications from suitably qualified women are particularly encouraged.

Starting date: It is expected that the appointee will take up the position by the end of 2009.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply online and should submit a **United Nations University Personal History Form (P.11)** accessible on the United Nations University website (www.unu.edu/employment) with a letter of application, including **full curriculum vitae** (with publications list) and names and addresses and fax numbers of three referees should clearly indicate the above reference number. A **covering letter** setting out how your qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position must also accompany the nomination/application. Interested candidates must also submit a **short curriculum vitae** accessible on the UNU-CRIS website (<http://www.cris.unu.edu/Vacancies.7.0.html>).

Applications that do not include all four requested documents will be seen as illegible.