

# MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

## AT PALACKÝ UNIVERSITY OLOMOUC

### SUPERVISOR



Assoc. Prof. Mag. Dr. **Alfred Gerstl**, MIR is an **International Relations** (IR) specialist at the Department of Asian Studies with a **focus on the Indo-Pacific**, notably Southeast Asia. Besides being an internationally experienced supervisor, he is currently head of two EU-funded research projects and of **Palacký University's Indo-Pacific Hub**.

### DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN STUDIES

The **Department of Asian Studies** at the Faculty of Arts at Palacký University Olomouc (FF UP) focuses on educational, scientific, and research activities concerning **contemporary languages and cultures** in Asia. The institution orientates its studies on **China, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Myanmar, and Vietnam**. With this specialisation, the department offers degree courses on undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate level and currently intends to broaden its team with **welcoming MSCA Postdoctoral Fellows** on its board.

Submit a **research outline** (including research objectives, novelty, state of the art and references), **CV** and a separate list with **5 most important publications** of the 5 last years to: **alfred.gerstl@upol.cz** by **16.3.2025**.

Potential candidates need to have held a doctoral degree (Ph.D.) for **no longer than 8 years** and have **not resided in the Czech Republic for more than 12 months** during the **last 3 years**, at the time of the deadline.

### PREFERRED RESEARCH TOPICS

- Geopolitics and geo-economics in the Indo-Pacific and the impacts of the Sino-US rivalry
- Current conflicts, including the South and East China Seas disputes, Taiwan, and North Korea
- Non-traditional security threats, including climate change, poverty and underdevelopment, and terrorism
- Minilateral and regional relations and cooperation in Northeast and Southeast Asia (ASEAN, AUKUS, and the Quad)
- Hedging strategies in Southeast Asia
- The role of the European Union in the Indo-Pacific
- Strategic and economic impacts of China's Belt and Road Initiative

### CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must be interested in one of the above stated or closely related topics. They can approach the topic from different disciplinary backgrounds, including International Relations, Political Science, Global Studies, Development Studies, or related study programs.

### GRANT OFFICE FF UP

- MSCA PF project management **support**
- **Anna Lukešová** (anna.lukesova@upol.cz)

**ONE**  
PROPOSAL,  
**THREE**  
CHANCES TO  
GET FUNDED!

**1**

**MSCA Funding**  
score > 93 %

**2**

**ERA Fellowship**  
score > 91 %

Funding chance for  
applying at the  
Widening country  
(Czechia)

**3**

**MSCA CZ**  
score > 70 %

Czech structural  
funds.  
Achieved by up to  
80 % applicants

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### WHAT IS MSCA PF?

The **Postdoctoral Fellowship** within the framework of **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA PF)** is a program supporting postdoctoral researchers in **developing their careers** and fostering their **excellence in research**. To achieve this goal, the program offers **talented early-career scholars** to carry out their **research abroad** while covering the costs of such mobility. MSCA postdoctoral fellows realise individual projects in close **cooperation with a supervisor** at the host institution. Interdisciplinary projects and involvement of non-academic sector (through secondments) are encouraged.

### MSCA PF CONDITIONS

- Postdocs with **no more than 8 years since PhD** termination at the time of submission deadline
- **Costs covered:** living and mobility allowance; family allowance (if applicable); research, training and networking activities; management and indirect costs related to the project
- Optional **short-term secondments** anywhere in the world within the duration of the project
- Optional additional **placement in a non-academic organisation** for max. 6 months after finishing the project

### EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP

- Project of 12-24 months realised directly at **Palacký University Olomouc** in Czechia
- For researchers of **any nationality**
- **Previous residence** in Czechia for max. 12 months in the past 3 years

### GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP

- Project of 12-24 months realised **outside of the EU + return phase** of 12 months **to Palacký University**
- For **citizens** and **long-term residents** of the **EU** and Horizon Europe **Associated Countries** only
- **Previous residence** in the chosen third country for max. 12 months in the past 3 years

### PALACKÝ UNIVERSITY OLOMOUC

- is **one of the top Czech universities** according to international rankings
- is holding the European Commission's **HR Excellence in Research Award**
- is part of **European universities networks (AURORA)** fostering international collaboration
- provides **modern infrastructure** in various disciplines of natural as well as social sciences
- offers essential **services to its employees**, including Social Security and Health insurance, childcare services or employees benefits
- **higher chances to succeed** in MSCA PF due to **WIDERA schemes** within Horizon Europe

### FACULTY OF ARTS (FF UP)

- offers **interdisciplinary expertise** due to its specialisation in a wide range of **humanities and social sciences**
- provides with **modern facilities** in the heart of the beautiful **historical city of Olomouc**

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### MSCA PF 2025 TIMELINE AT FF UP

