

# MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

## AT PALACKÝ UNIVERSITY OLOMOUC



### SUPERVISOR

**Dr. Kristina KIRONSKA**  
Socially engaged **inter-disciplinary** academic with **experience** in election observation, research, and advocacy.

Conducted doctoral research and worked for a local NGO **in Myanmar**. Lectured at the **University of Taipei** and organized monthly public human rights talks. Currently, at **Palacký University Olomouc** as Assistant Professor and Head of the **Myanmar Studies Center**. Additionally, Co-Director at a think tank, **Central European Institute of Asian Studies (CEIAS)**. Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the **International Journal of China Studies**. Research focus on East and Southeast Asia, international relations, and human rights.

### PREFERRED RESEARCH TOPICS

Research focused on Myanmar, Southeast Asian or global topics of **relevance to Myanmar**.

### CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

**Ph.D. no longer than 8 years** in political science, international relations, economics, sociology, media studies, development studies or a related field.

**Previous residence** in the Czech Republic no longer than 12 months in last 3 years.

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

### MYANMAR STUDIES CENTER

**Faculty of Arts** at Palacký University Olomouc (FF UP) is home to the **first Myanmar Studies Center in Europe**, currently aiming to expand its team through the **MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship**.

The newly established center seeks to enhance the integration of Myanmar studies into the **Department of Asian Studies** curriculum. It organizes a range of activities, including public lectures, conferences, and summer schools focused on Myanmar-related topics.

### BENEFITS FOR OUR MSCA PF

- Access to a **robust network** of Asia-focused experts
- Opportunities for regular **academic engagement** (e.g., lectures, conferences, and exchanges)
- Interaction with the **Myanmar diaspora** living in Czechia and **Myanmar students** coming via exchange programs
- Opportunities for engagement with Czech and European **political circles**
- Access to **unique research tools**, such as the rich dataset from the [Sinophone Borderlands Survey](#).

### GRANT OFFICE FF UP

- project management **support for MSCA PF Applicants**
- Anna Lukešová ([anna.lukesova@upol.cz](mailto: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

For more information, see the **websites** of:



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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

