

MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

AT PALACKÝ UNIVERSITY OLOMOUC

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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.

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

Submit a **research outline** (including your research objectives, novelty, state of the art, methodology and references), and your **CV** with the **most important publications** of the past 5 years by **15.4.2026** to alfred.gerstl@upol.cz.

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.

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