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Subject: Research position in sociology/social anthropology on the ERC-CZ project “Combatting Self-righteousness”, Pardubice, Czech Republic

The **ERC-CZ** research project “Combatting self-righteousness: a vice of the digital age” is seeking to appoint:

- a research fellow specialising in the sociology and/or social anthropology of digital media cultures

Intended start date: **1st January, 2025** (negotiable); contract duration initially 2 years, with a possible extension for a further 2 years.

“Combatting self-righteousness: a vice of the digital age” (ERC CZ Grant No. LL2308 (MŠMT)) is a five-year research project led by Professor John Lippitt and based at the Centre for Ethics as Study in Human Value, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Pardubice. The post here advertised is a research-only position (offered on a full or part-time basis) within a small project team of up to 5 researchers. The successful applicant will be given academic and administrative support to pursue their research within the bounds of the project and the opportunity to participate in the Centre's lively research environment. In return, they will be expected to make a substantial contribution to the project's publication outputs, including through single- and/or co-authored articles in well-regarded international journals. They will also present research results at international conferences/workshops and support the PI in organising an international conference at Pardubice.

Prospective candidates should familiarise themselves with the project as described here: [Self-righteousness | Centre for ethics \(upce.cz\)](#).

We seek candidates who, drawing on their expertise in sociology and/or social anthropology, can take a lead on Sub-Project C2. We envisage this as including designing research studies that will explore in specific contexts the developing view of self-righteousness emerging from Sub-project A, in constructive dialogue with the PI and other philosophers working on the project. We also envisage that knowledge of research in the successful candidate's discipline pertaining to Sub-project B (e.g. on epistemic bubbles, echo chambers and/or polarisation) will enable the Research Fellow to contribute to the developing work of this Sub-Project.

We especially welcome applications from candidates with a good publication record relative to career stage and from members of underrepresented groups.

Qualifications required:

- Applicants must have an advanced degree (Ph.D. or equivalent, awarded by the intended start date) and a track record of independent publications. We are particularly interested in candidates with substantial experience in an international context, so please include details of publications in international fora, research stays abroad, international collaborations, etc.
- Knowledge of Czech and the Czech social media context would be advantageous.

We offer:

- full-time or part-time contract for two years, with the possibility of renewal for a further two years
- a research position with no teaching requirements and minimal administrative obligations
- an internationally competitive salary
- additional benefits of health and social insurance
- a travel allowance, workplace with PC, well-equipped library and electronic resources
- a friendly workplace environment highly conducive to research in the Centre for Ethics, an international research centre whose working language is English.

Documents and information (in English) to be submitted with the application:

- Professional CV, including a list of publications and other research activities
- Copy of research degree documentation. (Documents that are not originally in Czech or English must be translated into English. If the application is submitted before the applicant's Ph.D. defence, the applicant must enclose a signed declaration of its date that must be prior to the intended start date of the employment.)
- Cover letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for the position (1-2 pages)
- Detailed description of planned research for this position (2 pages)
- Names and contact details of three academic referees
- A sample of academic writing of journal article length (e.g. a published paper) broadly relevant to the research area of the project.
- Please specify whether you wish to be considered for the position on a full- or part-time basis, and if the latter, your preferred fraction.

The application, together with all the attachments, should be sent by **30th August 2024** by e-mail to Gabriela Kaufmanová (gabriela.kaufmanova@upce.cz). Please state "Research position, Self-Righteousness Project" in the e-mail subject line.

The recruitment committee will invite selected applicants for an interview (conducted in English). **Interviews will be conducted by video conference**, so please state in your Cover Letter your time zone on those dates. For further inquiries, contact one or both of the following members of the project team: Prof. John Lippitt (johnandrew.lippitt@upce.cz) or Dr. Kamila Pacovská (kamila.pacovska@upce.cz)