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Subject: Research Position in Moral/Social Philosophy

We are seeking to appoint:

- a research fellow specialising in moral and/or social philosophy

Intended start date: September 1st, 2025 (negotiable); contract duration initially 2 years, with the possibility of extension.

You will be employed at the [Centre for Ethics as Study in Human Value](#), University of Pardubice, Czechia, as part of "[Combatting self-righteousness: a vice of the digital age](#)" (ERC CZ Grant No. LL2308), a prestigious five-year research project led by [Professor John Lippitt](#). The post is a full-time, research-only position within a small project team of five researchers. The successful applicant will be given academic and administrative support to pursue their research within the broad 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 significant contribution to the project's publication outputs, including single- and/or co-authored articles in well-regarded international journals, and to help with organising up to two international conferences. We especially welcome candidates who are keen to pursue research on at least one of the following topics:

- moralism
- other vices relevant to self-righteousness (e.g. pride, hypocrisy, closed-mindedness)
- vices and virtues in digital environments
- collective/group vices and virtues
- humility, open-mindedness, love or compassion (insofar as they relate to the project)
- ethical aspects of epistemic/affective bubbles and echo chambers
- moral grandstanding/virtue-signalling
- the ethics of anger and moral protest
- ethical aspects of polarization and moral disagreement
- moral criticism and the ethics of social punishment

Further details of the project may be found [here](#).

We especially welcome applications 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.

- good publication record relative to career stage, in relevant field of research

We offer:

- a full-time contract for two years, with the possibility of renewal subject to satisfactory contribution to project outcomes
- 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.

Please submit the following documents and information (in English):

- 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)
- description of planned research for this position (1-2 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.

The application, together with all the attachments, should be sent by **March 31st, 2025** 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) that will take place on or around **30th April, 2025**. Interviews may 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).

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