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HUMAN TRAFFICKING: A LABOR PERSPECTIVE

European Research Council (ERC) Research Project

Call for Applications

For Post-Doctoral, Doctoral, and Visiting Fellowships

The **Labor Perspective to Human Trafficking** (LPHT), a research project funded by a [European Research Council Grant](#) (ERC Stg) and directed by [Dr. Hila Shamir](#) at the [Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University](#), invites candidates from a variety of disciplines to submit their applications to become a part of the project. We are looking for:

- Two post-doctoral fellows (approx. \$30,000 per year, for up to 4 years)
- Two doctoral students – (\$20,000 per year, for up to 4 years)
Doctoral students must be studying as Phd candidates in Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law. The TAU Law Phd program accepts graduate students from around the world. For additional information see here: https://en-law.tau.ac.il/ph_d
- Visiting faculty/research fellows (\$750-\$1,500 per month, between 3-6 months). Fellows can be at different stages of their academic career, including doctoral students, post doctoral students, and faculty at other universities.

The LPHT, a five-year research project, studies the causes of human trafficking and its regulation, in order to develop a labor approach to human trafficking. The project explores the underlying structures that sustain the market for human trafficking and considers methods and possibilities to restructure them. The project expands the existing anti-trafficking tool kit – made up of mostly criminal law, migration restrictions, and human rights-based mechanisms – to include effective regulatory and market-based responses to severe labor market exploitation.

We call for doctoral students, post-doctoral researchers, and faculty-level scholars, who are interested in exploring the many facets of a labor perspective to human trafficking, to join us in this endeavor.

Applicants should have knowledge and experience in relevant fields of research (e.g., law, sociology, anthropology, geography, political science, labor and migration studies, international relations), and the ability and desire to work as part of a scholarly community and a research team. Fellows will be required to take partial to full residence at Tel Aviv for the duration of the fellowship, and participate in workshops and seminars on a regular basis.

Key selection criteria for the post-doc and doctoral positions are analytical skills, methodological abilities, and the capacity for team-work as well as independent research. Successful applicants

will be expected to both develop and pursue their own research within the overarching research agenda of the LPHT project, as well as take part in an existing ongoing research project led by the Dr. Shamir.

We welcome research proposals on any LPHT topic but are especially interested in applications focused on:

- Bilateral agreements on work migration
- Regulation of recruitment agencies
- Application and enforcement of national protective employment and labor laws to workers in sectors particularly prone to trafficking
- Unionization and organization (including alt-labor) of workers in labor sectors prone to trafficking
- Corporate Social Responsibility and voluntary codes of conduct adopted by corporations expressing commitment to combat trafficking in their supply chain or line of business
- Theoretical contributions to the understanding of vulnerability in a globalized labor market and of its regulation

Application and Fellowship Information for post-doctoral and doctoral students:

- Fellowship starting date: **October 2018**. There is some flexibility for a slightly earlier or later starting date. Later dates are possible for short-term visitors.
- Fellowship period is flexible and ranges from one year to a maximum of four years (ending April 2023).
- Fellowship rates are determined according to Tel Aviv University (TAU) regulations: For more information please visit: <http://zutar.org.il/scholarship-info/scholarship-rights> (for doctoral fellowships; Hebrew); or <http://www.tau.ac.il/acad-sec/postgo/index.htm> (for post-doctoral fellowships; English)
- Application Deadline: We will begin review of a first round of applications on **15 May 2018**.
- All applications should be submitted to projects' PI Dr. Hila Shamir at hshamir@post.tau.ac.il and to the projects' administrative director Dr. Ayelet Peer at peerayel@tauex.tau.ac.il; and include the following documents:
 - ❖ Cover letter describing your interest in the project and stating the nature and duration of position you seek with us.
 - ❖ Detailed CV (including list of publications)
 - ❖ A preliminary research proposal (in English; up to 3 pages) for a research project you hope to pursue in the context of the LPHT fellowship



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- ❖ An example of academic writing (article, research paper, or dissertation chapter)
- ❖ Two letters of recommendation that speak to the applicant's qualifications for doctoral or postdoctoral research, respectively (in English or Hebrew). These may be sent directly to hshamir@post.tau.ac.il, with the applicant's name in the subject line.
- The working language at the LPHT project is English

Application and Fellowship Information for faculty/research visitors:

- Fellowship rates range from \$750-\$1,500 per month, depending on alternate source of funding.
- Fellowship duration: between 3-6 months.
- Fellows can be at different stages of their academic career, including doctoral students, post doctoral students, and faculty at other universities.
- Application Deadline: We will begin review of a first round of applications on **15 April 2018**, and will continue to review applications on a rolling basis thereafter.
- All applications should be submitted to projects' PI Dr. Hila Shamir at hshamir@post.tau.ac.il and to the projects' administrative director Dr. Ayelet Peer at peerayel@tauex.tau.ac.il; and include the following documents:
 - ❖ Cover letter describing your interest in the project and stating the nature and duration of position you seek with us.
 - ❖ Detailed CV (including list of publications)
 - ❖ A preliminary research proposal (in English; can range from several paragraphs to a more developed proposal) for a research project you hope to pursue in the context of the LPHT fellowship

For more information about this call for applications, you may contact Dr. Hila Shamir at hshamir@post.tau.ac.il.