

## PhD positions in the field of political science

### Offer Description

**The Institute of International Relations and Political Science at Vilnius University (IIRPS VU)** invites to apply for PhD positions in the field of political science. Throughout the four-year period of studies, the doctoral candidates at the IIRPS VU are provided with theoretical and methodological training as well as continuous support for the implementation of their research projects. The studies are based on strategies of inclusion, feedback and attention to each doctoral student in order to achieve the best results in terms of the implementation of research, strengthening scientific competences as well as methodological and pedagogical skills. State funded positions with the scholarship (ranging from 931 Eur on the first year of studies to 1 078 Eur on the second-fourth year of studies) are available.

We invite candidates to submit research projects based on the following topics of doctoral dissertations or propose their own ideas for the research in the field of political science:

1. Transformation of US and China's Power in the Battle for Technological Domination: The Impact of 5G and Artificial Intelligence Development on the Global Competition (consulting scientist: prof. dr. Tomas Janeliūnas)
2. The Impact of the Public Space Digitalization on Foreign Policy and Diplomacy (consulting scientist: prof. dr. Tomas Janeliūnas)
3. Dilemmas of Energy Security and Diplomacy: Reconciling Baltic Interests on Synchronization and the Astravyets NPP Electricity Boycott (consulting scientist: prof. dr. Tomas Janeliūnas)
4. Changing nature of Lithuanian/Baltic states external interdependencies [trade, migration, cyberspace, information and others]: causes and impact on foreign policy (consulting scientist: prof. dr. Ramūnas Vilpišauskas)
5. Identity in the political regimes (consulting scientist: assoc. prof. Nerija Putnaitė)
6. Influence of structural transformations on labour market (consulting scientist: assoc. prof. Žilvinas Martinaitis)
7. The Political Economy of FinTech (consulting scientist: assoc. prof. Vytautas Kuokštis)
8. Politics of the (Post)Soviet Aesthetics: Communities, Media, and Emancipatory Strategies (consulting scientist: prof. dr. Natalija Arlauskaitė)
9. The Politics, Economics and Culture of (Anti-)Corruption in Central Asia (consulting scientist: assoc. prof. Konstantinas Andrijauskas)

More information on each of the proposed topics and application process is available [here](#). Research projects, motivational letters and all the required documents must be emailed to [apply.phd@cr.vu.lt](mailto:apply.phd@cr.vu.lt) and [arenida.glusinskiene@tspmi.vu.lt](mailto:arenida.glusinskiene@tspmi.vu.lt) by **June 19th**.

## Selection process

Application score (up to 10 points) is calculated according to the following formula:

- Average of grades in diploma appendix - 10%
- Evaluation of prospective research project and interview - 80%
- Evaluation of research experience and activities - 10%

Prospective research project is evaluated together with motivational letter and recommendations. The assessment of a research project is carried out based on clarity of its aim, relatedness of the aim and the central theme of the doctoral studies, novelty, and suitability of proposed research methods.

When evaluating the interview, special attention is paid to the motivation of a candidate, ability to reasonably defend the project proposal, relevance of the project, originality, and novelty of a chosen topic. This information is drawn from the interview as well as motivational letter and letters of recommendation, submitted by the applicant. In the assessment of applicant's scientific activities, attention is paid to the participation in research activities, additional points are granted to applicants who have taken part in research projects or fieldworks, have presented their papers in scientific conferences, etc.

The prospective research project is evaluated by the Admission commission. The Commission makes a decision concerning the admission of a candidate on the basis of evaluation of the research project and interview with a candidate. During the interview (can be conducted online), a candidate may be asked to comment on his/her research project and answer related questions and remarks.

IIRPS VU is one of the most prominent social sciences institutions in Central Eastern Europe and the Baltic region. The Institute holds a faculty status at Vilnius University and is an academic institution specializing in social and political sciences. IIRPS has been present in the academic and political life of Central and Eastern Europe and the Baltic region since its establishment in 1992, has achieved a wide range of academic accomplishments and can boast rich tradition of hosting high level politicians, diplomats and distinguished speakers at its premises. IIRPS has gathered together a number of prominent experts on national, European and international politics who are renowned for their competent and original public commentaries, expert knowledge and professional experience. These experts conduct both critical analysis of contemporary social science issues, political philosophy, international relations, and policy oriented research.

