

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

POSITION: human rights researcher

PROJECT: Economic, social and cultural rights as rights of the child – Empowering children in building a better future

HOME INSTITUTION: Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland (member of the Global Campus of Human Rights)

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

The overarching aim of this project is to draft **the Compilation of Principles and Standards of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of the child**.

The development of such a soft-law document on the ESC rights of the child could help in achieving a **better implementation** at the national level and more **clear monitoring criteria** for the UN Treaty Bodies in the field of ESC right of the child, therefore leading to better visibility of children as empowered actors. The Compilation could also prove helpful in human rights education programmes as well as the training of professionals, including teachers, judges and lawyers, social workers, officials in public administration, and journalists. The proposed Compilation of Principles and Standards regarding the ESC rights of the child will be accompanied by a **Practical Guidebook on the implementation of these principles**. This publication will build on the inputs received throughout the various consultations, particularly from **alumni of the GCHR**, the UN Treaty Bodies' members, regional programmes, the Right Livelihood Foundation, and NGOs.

This project could not be more timely! Do not miss the chance to participate and apply NOW!

Below you can find two testimonials from researchers that have been involved at the earliest stages of the project:

The open-minded and attentive direct coordination of Agata and Lukasz allowed me to navigate through the work of several UN Treaty Bodies – including with the help of the data mining software Orange, which was a completely new method for me. I also had the unique experience of learning from Prof. Z. Kedzia, former Chair of the CESCR, while receiving his feedback on our work and listening to his rich experience – Cláudia Aguirre (EMA)

The project was an incredible learning curve for an aspiring child rights researcher like myself to continue learning and engaging in pivotal issues concerning children. The experience was also enriching because of the opportunity to work with a team of diverse professionals and backgrounds. - Swasti Karmacharya (APMA)

TASK DESCRIPTION:

- Assistance in conducting **supplementary desk research** consisting in reviewing documents of the **UN Treaty Bodies**, in particular General Comments/General Recommendations and Concluding Observations on the issue of economic, social and cultural rights of a child (e.g. right to education, right to adequate standard of living, right to food etc.). Most of the background research has been finalized, however, we are supplementing existing papers with pinpoint research based on the guidance from the TB members. [Expected duration: 1 month]
- Preparation of a **revised List of Issues** (approx. 15-20 pages), based on the feedback received from the members of TB bodies, indicating major gaps, inconsistencies and challenges in addressing ESC rights of the child. [Expected duration: 2 months]
- Assisting in preparation of the selected sections of the **draft Compilation of Standards and Principles on ESC rights of the child** (approx. 15-20 pages). [Expected duration: 3 months]

REQUIRED SKILLS BY THE CANDIDATE:

- Ability to conduct legal research and analysis;
- Interest in human rights, children's rights and/or economic, social and cultural rights,
- Excellent command of English, with strong drafting skills,
- Reliability, high motivation, flexibility,
- Knowledge of the UN Treaty Bodies system.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION:

- 45 seconds motivation video answering following questions:
 1. *why am I interested in being part of this project?*
 2. *why should you choose me?*--> attached via Dropbox, Google Drive, WeTransfer or via YouTube link
- CV
- Declaration of consent to the processing of personal data for recruitment purposes.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 30 November 2023

INTERVIEWS: The week of 11 December 2023

PERIOD OF CONSULTANCY: 1. January 2023 – 30 June 2023

The consultancy includes 8 weeks long trial period.

REMUNERATION: € 1000 per month (gross)

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