



The Department of Politics at the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA, Bucharest, Romania) invites applications for the position of Associate Postdoctoral Fellow to work within the interdisciplinary ERC Consolidator Project *Transnational Advocacy Networks and Corporate Accountability for Major International Crimes* (CORPACCOUNT), led by Dr. Raluca Grosescu.

Position: 1 Associate Postdoctoral Fellow (CSIII)

Period: 12-month contract (with possibility of extension) starting on 15 November 2024 or as soon as possible thereafter (according to the appointed person's time schedule and the time of obtaining the working permit in Romania).

Number of Hours per Month: Part Time (4h/day)

Salary: 961 Euro Net / month.

Description of the Project: CORPACCOUNT examines/explores transnational mobilisations and counter-mobilisations for holding multinational corporations and their representatives accountable for complicity in major international crimes (genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity) committed during dictatorships and violent conflicts since the 1970s. It focuses on three major innovations to the current literature on corporate accountability: 1) It will deliver a critical sociological analysis of both advocacy movements and business groups and associations involved in transnational accountability campaigns, studying their political, professional and regional activist agendas and divergent approaches to corporate liability. 2) It will analyse various ideas and strategies of dealing with corporate violence and illuminate the socio-political conditions under which they succeed in enforcing accountability. 3) It will explore how different visions of human rights, economic globalisation, development and democratisation shape accountability strategies. The research centres on four types of transnational campaigns that spread across the Global South and the Global North and on the resulting response from states, international organisations, and business groups: a) advocacy for criminalising corporate misconduct in international/regional treaties; b) civil and criminal litigations; c) legislative initiatives for prohibiting trade with and investment in dictatorial settings; and d) boycotts. The project will examine different historical, political and geographical contexts from anti-Apartheid mobilisations to corporate accountability in Latin America after the military dictatorships, African contexts such as Sudan and Nigeria, and Asia countries such as Myanmar.

Role: The researcher will work within the CORPACCOUNT project, <https://corpaccount.politice.ro/>, and will study the following themes from a transnational perspective:

- Networks of economic solidarity / alternative economy / agroecology in the southern African continent (South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique) and their impact on business responsibility concepts from the perspective of human rights and the environment.
- Business responsibility, critical minerals, and the rights of humans and nature in the southern African continent (South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique).



The researcher will corroborate their own perspectives on the topic with the CORPACCOUNT project's main research directions and will conduct archival research and interviews in the above-mentioned countries. They will participate in the project's monthly meetings (physically or online) in order to play a full role in the collaborative aspects of the project, including international conferences and events, co-authored and co-edited publications. The posts include an annual research and travel allowance.

Conditions for applying:

- CV (maximum 2 pages). Include email address, phone number, and nationality.
- A list of the most relevant publications (maximum 10 titles) & the text, in PDF format, of the best publication (article, book chapter, chapter from the doctoral thesis, etc.).
- A cover letter that explains how your previous research experience will contribute to the development of the CORPACCOUNT project, and how you see your role in the project. (maximum 2 pages)
- A research plan that details how you envision developing research on one of the aforementioned axes, as well as your contribution to the major questions and goals of the project. (maximum 2 pages)
- The names and contact details of 2 people who can write recommendation letters.
- A copy of the PhD Diploma.
- A copy of the Identity Card / Passport.
- GDPR form (signed and dated) – in accordance with Annex 1.

The required documents will be sent to the address corpaccount@politice.ro. Only documents in English and in PDF format will be evaluated (the Doctorate Diploma and Identity Card must be sent in the original language). Before applying you might want to consult with Dr. Raluca Grosescu ralucagrosescu@gmail.com

Selection Criteria:

- CV, List of Publications, and Writing Sample (20 points)
- Cover Letter (30 points)
- Research Plan (50 points)
- Candidates who will obtain 80 points will be invited for an online interview.

Calendar: The deadline for submission is 3 November 2024. Shortlisted candidates will be notified by 5 November 2024 and invited for an interview to be held on 11 November 2024. The final results will be announced by email on 12 November 2024. Contestations regarding the written results can be sent until 7 November 2024