



The Department of Political Science of the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA, Bucharest) announces an open competition for one Research Scientist III (CSIII) position and one Research Assistant position, for a period of 6 months, on a part-time basis of 4 hours per day, starting on 10 November 2026. The Research Scientist and Research Assistant will work within the ERC Consolidator Grant project Transnational Advocacy Networks and Corporate Accountability for Major International Crimes (CORPACCOUNT), coordinated by Lecturer Dr Raluca Groseanu.

<https://corpaccount.politice.ro>.

Research Scientist III (CSIII):

Contract period: 10 November 2026 – 30 April 2027

Working hours: 4 hours/day

Net salary: RON 8,820 gross/month

Minimum eligibility criteria:

- PhD in political science, sociology, law, history or anthropology;
- Publications and research experience in one of the following fields: corporate accountability and human rights, anti-extractivist social mobilisations, arbitration tribunals.
- Experience in archival research and oral history;
- Excellent command of English and a native language of the country under study;
- Research experience in transnational sociology/history.

Responsibilities: The researcher will work within the [CORPACCOUNT](#) project, and will critically examine environmental and climate-related investor-state disputes (ISDS) in the European Union and write articles/book chapters on this topic. The researcher will bring their own perspective on the subject into dialogue with the CORPACCOUNT research strands. During the contract period, the researcher will participate (online or in person) in the monthly CORPACCOUNT project meetings and in conferences organised within the project.

Research Assistant:

Contract period: 10 November 2026 – 30 April 2027

Working hours: 4 hours/day

Net salary: RON 8,820 gross/month

Minimum eligibility criteria:

- Master's degree in political science, sociology, law, anthropology or environmental studies.
- Experience in archival research and oral history;
- Research experience in transnational sociology/history;
- Excellent command of English;
- Research experience in one of the following areas is an advantage: corporate accountability and human rights, anti-extractivist social mobilisations, responses by business groups to social criticism concerning human rights violations.

Responsibilities: The Research Assistant will work within the [CORPACCOUNT](#) project, and will contribute to data collection and the writing of a study on strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs) brought by corporations against anti-extractivist activism at the European level. During the contract period, the recruited person will



participate (online or in person) in the monthly CORPACCOUNT project meetings and in conferences organised within the project.

Required application documents must be sent to corpaccount@politice.ro. Only documents in English and in PDF format will be evaluated (PhD/Master's diplomas and identity cards should be submitted in their original language).

- CV (maximum 2 pages). Include your email address, telephone number and citizenship.
- List of the most relevant publications (maximum 5 titles) and the full text, in PDF format, of your best publication (article, book chapter, chapter from a doctoral thesis/Master's dissertation, etc.).
- A letter of motivation explaining how your previous research experience will contribute to the development of the CORPACCOUNT project and how you envisage your role in the project. Please specify which position you are applying for (maximum 1 page).
- A research plan detailing how you envisage developing research along one of the lines mentioned above (maximum 2 pages).
- Copy of PhD/Master's diploma.
- Copy of identity card/passport.
- GDPR form (signed and dated) – in accordance with Annex 1.

For further information, please contact Dr Raluca Grosescu at ralucagrosescu@gmail.com.

Selection criteria:

- CV and list of publications (20 points)
- Letter of motivation (30 points)
- Research plan (50 points)
- Candidates who obtain 80 points will be invited to an online interview.

Selection timetable:

- 14 October 2026 – Publication of the selection announcement
- 28 October 2026 – Deadline for submission of applications
- 29 October 2026 – Announcement of the results of the written applications
- 2 November 2026 – Deadline for appeals concerning the written application results
- 5 November 2026 – Online interviews with shortlisted candidates
- 6 November 2026 – Final results

Selection Committee:

- Raluca Grosescu, Chair
- Andru Chiorean, member
- Monica Stroe, member
- Bianca Șerban, secretary

Appeals Committee:

- Henry Rammelt, Chair
- Victoria Basualdo, member
- Mariuca Petre, member
- Bianca Șerban, secretary