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Research Position in the ERC-CZ Project “Combatting Self-Righteousness”, Pardubice, Czech Republic

The **ERC CZ** research project “Combatting self-righteousness: a vice of the digital age” is seeking to appoint:

- a research fellow specialising in moral and/or social philosophy

Intended start date: **September 1st, 2024** (negotiable); contract duration initially 2 years, with a possible extension for a further 2 years.

“[Combatting self-righteousness: a vice of the digital age](#)” (ERC CZ Grant No. LL2308) is a prestigious five-year research project led by [Professor John Lippitt](#) and based at the [Centre for Ethics as Study in Human Value](#), University of Pardubice. The post here advertised is a full-time, research-only position within a small project team of up to 5 researchers. The successful applicant will be given academic and administrative support to pursue their research within the bounds of the project and the opportunity to participate in the Centre’s lively research environment. In return, they will be expected to make a substantial contribution to the project’s publication outputs, including single- and/or co-authored articles in well-regarded international journals. We especially welcome candidates who are keen to pursue research on at least one of the following topics:

- vices and virtues in digital environments
- collective/group vices and virtues
- moralism
- other vices relevant to self-righteousness (e.g. pride, hypocrisy, closed-mindedness)
- ethical and/or epistemic aspects of epistemic/affective bubbles and echo chambers
- moral grandstanding/virtue-signalling
- the ethics of anger
- ethical aspects of polarization
- moral criticism and the ethics of social punishment

Further details of the project may be found [here](#).

We especially welcome applications from members of underrepresented groups.

Qualifications required:

- Applicants must have an advanced degree (Ph.D. or equivalent, awarded by the intended start date) and a track record of independent publications.
- Good publication record relative to career stage, in relevant field of research

We offer:

- a full-time contract for two years, with the possibility of renewal for a further two years subject to satisfactory contribution to project outcomes
- a research position with no teaching requirements and minimal administrative obligations
- an internationally competitive salary
- additional benefits of health and social insurance
- a travel allowance, workplace with PC, well-equipped library and electronic resources
- a friendly workplace environment highly conducive to research in the Centre for Ethics, an international research centre whose working language is English.

Documents and information (in English) to be submitted with the application:

- Professional CV, including a list of publications and other research activities
- Copy of research degree documentation. (Documents that are not originally in Czech or English must be translated into English. If the application is submitted before the applicant's Ph.D. defence, the applicant must enclose a signed declaration of its date that must be prior to the intended start date of the employment.)
- Cover letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for the position (1-2 pages)
- Description of planned research for this position (1-2 pages)
- Names and contact details of three academic referees
- A sample of academic writing of journal article length (e.g. a published paper) broadly relevant to the research area of the project.

The application, together with all the attachments, should be sent by **March 28th, 2024** by e-mail to Gabriela Kaufmanová (gabriela.kaufmanova@upce.cz). Please state "Research Position, Self-Righteousness Project" in the e-mail subject line.

The recruitment committee will invite selected applicants for an interview (conducted in English) that will take place on or around 17th and 18th April, 2024. **Interviews will be conducted by video conference**, so please state in your Cover Letter your time zone on those dates. For further inquiries, contact one or both of the following members of the project team: Prof. John Lippitt (johnandrew.lippitt@upce.cz) or Dr. Kamila Pacovská (kamila.pacovska@upce.cz).