

Job ID: ISR014PD223

“Theatre and Gentrification in the European City” (THEAGENT) is a five-year research project funded by the European Research Council’s (ERC) Consolidator Grant Program with a 2 million Euro grant. Located in the Institute for Urban and Regional Research (ISR) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW), and conducted under the direction of Principal Investigator Dr. Emine Fişek, the project combines multi-sited ethnographic and archival research to analyze the relationship between theatre practices and urban transformation in five European metropolises in the twenty-first century: London, Berlin, Paris, Warsaw, and Istanbul. Ground-breaking in its mixed methodology, this project will be the first to explore theatre’s role in the cultural dimensions of Europe’s urban transformations, as well as to demonstrate gentrification’s role in the politics of contemporary European theatre. THEAGENT is offering

## 4 POSTDOC POSITIONS (F/M/X)

(part-/full-time, 20 – 40 h per week)

starting in September 2023.

### Your tasks:

- Conduct ethnographic and archival research in your designated city
- Publish articles in top-ranking international journals, as well as a book chapter for an edited volume designed by the project team
- Present research findings at selective academic conferences
- Contribute to the administration and organization of project conferences and networking events
- Contribute to the overall development of THEAGENT and its public outreach program

### Your profile:

- Completed PhD in the Humanities and/or Social Sciences, including in fields such as Theatre and Performance Studies, Cultural Studies, Urban Studies, Anthropology, and Political Science
- Demonstrated academic excellence and a commitment to scientific research and/or appropriate professional experience in the arts
- Excellent proficiency in English as well as the language relevant to your designated city
- Interest in collaborative research, creativity in both team environments and independent work

### Our offer:

- The opportunity to produce an excellent publication record, and to join a network of academics, artists and activists pursuing questions at the intersections of theatre practice and urban life
- Period of appointment: 4-year appointments, with Fellows working at 50% during the first and fourth years, and 100% during the second and third years of the project
- Each fellow will be working on one of the following four cities: Berlin, Warsaw, Paris, and London
- An annual gross salary based on the scheme of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) of € 56.861, -

Application requirements include a cover letter describing the candidates’ academic experience and qualifications, as well as their plans for research relating to THEAGENT, curriculum vitae, one English-language writing sample, and three confidential letters of recommendation. Application materials can be submitted electronically in a single PDF file by email to [emine.fisek@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:emine.fisek@oeaw.ac.at) **no later than May 01<sup>st</sup>, 2023**, referencing Job ID: ISR014PD223. Letters of recommendation can also be submitted under separate cover to this address. Selected candidates will be contacted for ZOOM Interviews.

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