Ethics, principles, state vs. individual morality, and the construction of new or diverging moralities in EU eastern neighbors

Summary

TalTech School of Business and Governance, Department of Law offers a 4-year PhD position in economics.

Research field:	Economics and finance
Supervisors:	Abel Polese
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Availability:	This position is available.
Offered by:	School of Business and Governance
	Department of Law
Application deadline:	Applications are accepted between November 16, 2020 00:00 and December 16, 2020 23:59 (Europe/Zurich)

Description

The overall goal of the project is to compare countries that had fully opened to foreign investors by the early 2000s – Estonia, Latvia (now EU members), Georgia (considered by
many as an example of best practice in reforms), and Kyrgyzstan (where markets are stable but no major economic leap is expected in the next immediate future) – with what have been identified as significant prospective post-USSR markets for the next ten years - Belarus, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan (all of which have shown a more concrete desire for economic
dialogue in the past three years), Russia (its eastern region and, in particular, Siberia, which has remained largely unexplored by EU companies), and Azerbaijan, a country that has
finally started interacting in more concrete terms with the EU.
With this framework in mind, we are looking for a candidate willing to work to Identify the role of national and international external actors in shaping the notion of state morality; inquire into the nature of gaps between official (state) morality and accepted moral values or 'the norm' among citizens.

Qualifications
The applicants should fulfill the following requirements:

- MA in Economics, Political Economy, Social Sciences (sociology, anthropology, public policy). Other qualifications may be considered (but will be evaluated case by case)
- Interest in the former USSR region (Caucasus, Central Asia, Eastern Europe), knowledge of local language(s) is highly valued

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