Research Fellow/Postdoctoral Researcher in the Economics of Migration

CEPS is hiring a strong early/mid-career researcher with the drive and motivation to influence the policy debate on economic aspects of migration and integration. The topic will occupy a central spot within CEPS and the candidate can expect to be supported by an experienced research team.

With support from the Mercator Foundation, CEPS is a partner in a three-year project to provide policy advice and conduct related academic research on the European immigration and asylum system. Together with our research partners (Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute; Kiel Institute for the World Economy), we work with policy-makers, civil society, and other stakeholders to produce facts and research-based innovative policies in the area of migration and integration. The projects’ approach is grounded in economics but we will consider all stages of the migration process, including the welfare of migrants themselves, those left behind in migrants’ countries of origin, migrants’ integration in their countries of destination, and international cooperation in the provision of asylum and employment opportunities. Apart from publishable high-quality research output, you will make contributions to the comprehensive annual Assessment Report, policy briefings, workshops, etc.

The candidate will be part of an international project team of five post-doctoral researchers and several PhD students distributed across the three partner institutes. Within CEPS you will be surrounded by experienced colleagues focusing on all aspects of EU economic policy. The candidate will initiate and conduct research and provide policy advice within the remit of the project. Close collaboration with CEPS colleagues as well as with project partners is an integral part of the position. CEPS provides an informal environment with room to learn.

Qualifications:

- Hold (or close to completing) a Ph.D. in economics or a closely related field (e.g. quantitative social sciences or econometrics);
- Strong academic and analytical profile, ability to take initiative, drive issues forward and an interest in developing research that helps to solve real-world problems;
- Have already demonstrated a strong academic potential and an interest in influencing policy at either European or national level;
- Thrive communicating ideas both at academic conferences and in policy workshops;
- Ability to ‘think on your feet’ and unafraid of experimentation;
- Excellent command of English in speaking and writing;
- Knowledge of other relevant languages is a plus.

The background may equally well be as a newly minted Ph.D. with a strong desire to make an impact in this area, or as a mid-career researcher with some policy experience.
The position is based at CEPS in Brussels and is initially for a one-year period on a full-time basis, starting 1 May 2018 (we may negotiate an earlier or later starting date). The salary will be defined dependent on relevant qualifications and experience.

Applications should be submitted by 20 March 2018, including

- a letter of interest/motivation;
- CV with list of publications;
- one academic writing sample (if possible on a migration-related topic);
- two references from whom we can potentially request a letter of reference;

using the subject line “Migration postdoctoral researchers” addressed to Mikkel Barslund: mikkel.barslund@ceps.eu

If you have questions about the work in a similar position contact Nadzeya Laurentsyeva (nadzeya.laurentsyeva@ceps.eu) including the same subject line as above.