



4-year PhD program at the Charles University in Prague

CONTEMPORARY CHANGES OF SOCIAL MILIEU WITHIN THE POST-SOCIALIST SUBURBS

Project description

The project focuses on changes in the social milieu within the hinterlands of European post-socialist cities. It addresses the scope of suburbanization in the settlement system and changes of social, demographic and ethnic structure of the suburban population over the past decade. The analysis of statistical evidence of migration pays a particular attention to testing hypotheses concerning (i) the growing ethnic heterogeneity of suburbs within the CEE countries; and (ii) the return of suburban residents back to the urban environment (reurbanisation). The project also uses comparative perspective and investigates Czech and selected post-socialist European suburbs with the similar methods of evaluation. The quantitative analyses focused on demographic and socio-economic composition will employ statistical data from the Population Censuses and individual migration data provided by the research team. The case studies of the oldest post-socialist suburbs which emerged immediately after 1989 will serve as a comparative basis for investigation of stability/mobility of suburban population and of sustainability and cohesive development of suburbs. The project is roofed by the STARS program of the Faculty of Science, CUNI.

STARS (Supporting Talented PhD Research Students) Call for applications

STARS is a program supporting talented PhD students at the Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague. The aim of this program is to provide excellent education and an adequate income to PhD students of the Faculty. The STARS program wants to attract the best students from the Czech Republic as well as from abroad. Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague, is a top-quality centre of research in Central Europe. The Faculty takes care about its future and that's why the STARS program was born. Come to Prague and become the future of our Faculty!

Am I eligible?

The STARS program is open to all applicants who hold a Master's degree or equivalent in geography, social sciences, or a related field of study. It is also open to students in the last year of their MA studies and will be able to present their degree diploma at the beginning of their PhD study. The candidate should be proficient in English; however, no formal English exam (such as TOEFL) is required.

Applicants are encouraged to express connection of their own current (and future) research interests to the PhD project and to the wider scholarly debate in the motivation letter.

How are candidates selected?

The program is competitive. The supervisors of the individual PhD projects will shortlist eligible applicants, who will then be invited for an interview to be held during the month of March 2018. The exact interview dates will be agreed between the supervisors and the candidates. Based on the interviews, the applicants to whom the scholarship will be offered will be selected in the beginning of April. The program starts on October 1st.

Research team

- Urban and Regional Laboratory – URRLab, Department of Social Geography and Regional Development, Faculty of Science, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- Faculty of Science is located in the historical centre of Prague near the Charles Square.

Research team leader and STARS PhD student supervisor

- Assoc. Prof. Martin Ouředníček

Research team website

- <http://urrlab.cz/en>

Financial support of the project (stipend):

- 20.000 – 25.000 CZK (800 – 1000 EUR) per month; no tuition fee for PhD students.
- The stipend is guaranteed for the four years of the PhD study period.
- Although the basic financial support of activities connected to PhD research will be covered, the PhD student will be encouraged to apply for additional funding from the Grant Agency of Charles University.

Application deadline:

- March 16, 2018

Start of study program:

- October 1, 2018

More information:

- <http://www.stars-natur.cz/open-calls/geography#nadpis6>
or contact Martin Ouředníček directly: martin.ourednicek@natur.cuni.cz