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Call for Applications

Viadrina Guest Lecturer for European Value Transfer at the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

Winter Semester 2026/27

The multiple crises and profound transformation processes around the world – from rapidly advancing digitalization and climate change to the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East – pose major challenges for the European community and the values that bind it together. Populist parties and authoritarian movements are gaining massive support in Germany and Europe by exploiting people’s fears. They spread disinformation, promote polarization, and call into question freedom, democracy, and the rule of law. In these challenging times, universities must uphold academic freedom and the international spirit of science. They must create knowledge-based spaces for discourse, even on complex and controversial topics, thereby pointing the way toward productive and democratic ways of dealing with multiple crises and challenges. In doing so, they serve as an anchor in liberal democracies, where the negotiation of pluralistic and competing ideas is central. For the European University Viadrina, this social role of universities is of particular importance.

In cooperation with the interfaculty “European Studies” Master’s programme and funded by the Meyer Struckmann Foundation, the Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences announces the second call for the Guest Lecturer for European Value Transfer. Through an innovative, practice-oriented teaching project, the guest lecturer aims to inspire students to embrace universal values embedded in the European legal and political order. In the teaching project, the guest lecturer will support students with exploring selected aspects of democratic and sustainable coexistence in Europe and developing a public-facing format to bring these topics to the citizens of the twin cities of Frankfurt (Oder) and Słubice, as well as the German-Polish border region. This project may incorporate a comparative perspective, bridging the guest lecturer’s home region or other European examples from Europe with the local cross-border context.

Commitments

- Teaching requirements in the winter semester 2026/27: one practice-oriented course at MA level in the field of European, Values (In this course, the guest lecturer is expected to assist students with developing a public-facing format and engage a broader public, such as an exhibition, podcast, public workshop, etc.),
- Organization of a public opening and/or presentation of the Value Transfer project.

Application requirements

- Affiliation with an international university partnering with Viadrina,
- PhD or similar qualification
- Research and/or transfer profile in the field of European Studies. This profile may consist of concrete experiences in establishing and conducting exhibitions, podcasts, public workshops, etc.),
- Teaching experience at MA level,
- Very good command of English,
- Readiness to be present in Frankfurt (Oder) during the winter semester (October-March).

Fellowship specifications

- The fellowship offers 3,200 EUR per month, granted for a period of 6 months (October-March),
- Additionally, the fellow will receive a lump sum of 300 EUR for travel expenses,
- Work space at Viadrina will be provided, along with access to the university's library.

Application documents (in English)

- Letter of motivation, including the outline of your European Value Transfer teaching project
- CV
- List of publications
- List of courses taught previously

The application deadline is 15 May 2026. Please direct your application (consisting of pdf files only) to Dr Oliver Kossack (kossack@europa-uni.de). For further information, please check our website: www.kuwi.europa-uni.de or contact Dr Oliver Kossack.