

The **Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)**, one of the world's Top 10 think tanks, in cooperation with the Academic Swiss Caucasus Net ([ASCN](#)), is looking for

2 Research Assistants – “EU Neighbourhood, Foreign and Security Policy”

The posts are scheduled to start on 1 October 2013 and are limited to a six-month period. The Research Assistants will work under the supervision of Prof. Steven Blockmans and contribute to the work of CEPS' EU Foreign Policy Programme by:

- Providing research assistance for on-going projects on European neighbourhood, foreign and security policies
- Collecting and cataloguing relevant materials for the CEPS European Neighbourhood Watch newsletter
- Assisting in the organisation of events (workshops, roundtables, webinars etc.)
- Participating in events held by other organizations and taking minutes
- Support in maintaining and updating the programme's network
- Contributing to other on-going activities of the programme

The Research Assistants will also get supervision on their PhD project.

Qualifications:

- National and permanent resident of Armenia or Georgia
- Maximum 30 years old at the time of the scheduled start date (1 October 2013)
- PhD candidate in political science in a Georgian or Armenian university, with a dissertation project related to EU foreign policy
- Excellent understanding of EU foreign and security policy institutions and decision-making with the focus on, *inter alia*, the ENP and EaP
- Excellent English writing and presentation skills are essential
- Good communication skills
- Ability to work independently

The Research Assistants will be fully integrated into CEPS staff and will get a salary. Travel and visa expenses will be covered. CEPS offers a stimulating work environment of more than 50 colleagues of some 20 nationalities, based in the heart of Brussels.

Candidates should send a short cover letter (max. 1 page), a CV (including own publications, as well as the name and contact details of at least two referees), a letter of affiliation from their university (confirming registration as a PhD student), a copy of their passport and a short overview of their PhD project (max. 5 pages, including abstract, research question(s), methodology, draft table of contents, and list of relevant publications) by e-mail to: applications@ceps.eu and jan.kreuels@ascn.ch with the following email subject: CEPS/ ASCN Research Assistant.

Deadline for submitting the applications: 15 March 2013.

Interviews will be held in Yerevan and Tbilisi on 23-26 April 2013.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. We kindly ask applicants not to follow up applications by telephone.

For further information, please contact: Mr. Hrant Kostanyan (hrant.kostanyan@ceps.eu), CEPS Associate Research Fellow.

The 2 positions are financed by ASCN.

About ASCN

ASCN is a programme aimed at promoting the social sciences and humanities in the South Caucasus (primarily Georgia and Armenia). Its different activities foster the emergence of a new generation of talented scholars. Promising junior researchers receive support through research projects, capacity-building trainings and scholarships. The programme emphasizes the advancement of individuals who, thanks to their ASCN experience, become better integrated in international academic networks. The ASCN programme is coordinated and operated by the Interfaculty Institute for Central and Eastern Europe (IICEE) at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland). It is initiated and is supported by [Gebert RUF Stiftung](#).