

Regional Group Leader (m/f/d) - Voluntary Position

Are you interested in conflict research? Do you want to assume responsibility, guide a team of conflict researchers and play a vital role in creating our annual publication?

The Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research (HIIK), is looking for two regional group leaders (RGL) in the working group *Asia & Oceania* on a voluntary (non-paid) basis.

The HIIK is an independent, non-profit, and interdisciplinary organization. Since 1991, we have been dedicating ourselves to the research on the emergence, dynamics and settlement of political conflicts worldwide. More than 200 volunteer researchers are currently working at the HIIK, including students, PhD candidates and alumni. Our funding is based solely on membership fees, donations, and the royalties on our publication.

Conflicts are assigned to one of five regional groups. The regional groups are *Asia* & *Oceania*, *West Asia*, *North Africa* & *Afghanistan* (*WANA*), the *Americas*, *Sub-Saharan Africa*, and *Europe*. Every regional group is led by several RGL. On average, one RGL is responsible for three - five researchers and 10 - 20 conflicts.

Conflicts are observed over a period of one year. This includes the recording of all measures that fall within the framing of a conflict. At the end of the year, we generate an annual intensity through the measures recorded. Our main publication, the annual Conflict Barometer, is thus created from the collected data. A researcher observes one or several conflicts. This includes the recording of all conflict measures over the year, the maintenance of our database CONTRA and the production of a conflict text. A RGL is responsible for all conflicts and researchers under his / her supervision, providing feedback and advice to the researchers. Additionally, RGL participate in the editing and production of the Conflict Barometer.

We are looking for 2 new *regional group leaders* (RGL) in the regional working group *Asia* & *Oceania*:

- One RGL for Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Papua-Neuguinea, Sri Lanka, and Maldives)
- One RGL for Central Asia, Malaysia, Nepal and Thailand





Your tasks include:

- Team coordination and supervision
- Academic and personal responsibility for the conflicts under supervision
- Introduction of new conflict researchers to the regional group
- Production and correction of conflict texts and database maintenance
- Participation in one of our seven Departments (communication, methodology etc.)
- Active participation in the summer editorial round and the pre-editorial in December
- Active participation in the final editorial rounds in January and post-Editing in February/March
- Attendance of internal trainings

Your profile of requirements:

- Ideally, you study a relevant subject (e.g. political science, regional studies, conflict studies, ethnology, law) in your third semester or higher
- Willingness to assume responsibility for a team and the result of the team's work and dedication to the role matter the most
- Knowledge of the respective region is profitable, but not required
- Relevant language skills are profitable

Due to our very flexible modus operandi, it is hard to say how much time to invest in this position. On average, probably about two to four hours weekly with varying intensity over the year. The months between November and January are the most time-consuming. As an association, we charge a small annual membership fee ($15 \in$ students / $30 \in$ non-students).

We are happy about everyone who is interested. Please feel free to ask any questions regarding the mentioned tasks, amount of work, etc. - don't hesitate to contact us.

Your application:

Curious? Just send an Email to <u>vorstand@hiik.de</u> (Board of Directors) with a short **motivational letter** and your **CV** until **May 29th**.

For more information about the HIIK, our work and the Conflict Barometer visit our website <u>www.hiik.de</u>.