

## **TRAFFLAB: LABOR PERSPECTIVE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

European Research Council (ERC) Research Project

### ***Call for Applications***

### ***For Post-Doctoral and Visiting Fellowships – 2021-2022***

[TraffLab: Labor Perspective to Human Trafficking](#), a research project funded by a [European Research Council Grant](#) (ERC Stg) and directed by [Prof. Hila Shamir](#) at the [Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University](#), invites candidates from a variety of disciplines to submit their applications to become a part of the project. We are looking for:

- Visiting faculty/researchers ( approx. \$1000-\$1,500 per month, between 1-2 months). We invite applications from fellows at different stages of their academic career, including doctoral students, post doctoral students, and faculty at other universities.

TraffLab (ERC), a five-year research project (2018-2023), studies the causes of human trafficking and its regulation, in order to develop a labor approach to human trafficking. The project explores the underlying structures that sustain the market for human trafficking and considers methods and possibilities to restructure them. The project expands the existing anti-trafficking tool kit – made up of mostly criminal law, migration restrictions, and human rights-based mechanisms – to include effective regulatory and market-based responses to severe labor market exploitation. More information is available on the project's website: [www.trafflab.org](http://www.trafflab.org)

Applicants should have knowledge and experience in relevant fields of research (e.g., law, sociology, anthropology, geography, political science, economics, labor and migration studies, international relations), and the ability and desire to work as part of a scholarly community and a research team. Fellows will be required to take residence in the vicinity of TAU for the duration of the fellowship, and participate in workshops and seminars on a regular basis.

Key selection criteria for the positions are previous research experience relating to human trafficking and modern slavery (or labor migration; precarious/informal work), analytical skills, methodological abilities, and the capacity for team-work as well as independent research. Successful applicants will be expected to both develop and pursue their own research within the overarching research agenda of the TraffLab project, as well as take part in an existing ongoing research project led by Dr. Shamir.

We welcome research applications focused on:

- Regulation of migration - migration regimes and bilateral migration agreements
- Regulation of recruitment agencies



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- Application and enforcement of national protective employment and labor laws to workers in sectors prone to severe forms of labor market exploitation
- Unionization and organization (including alt-labor) of workers in labor sectors vulnerable to trafficking
- Corporate responsibility and voluntary codes of conduct (including transparency and due diligence legislation)
- Theoretical contribution to understanding vulnerability in a global labor market and its regulation.

The working language at TraffLab is English.

**Application and Fellowship Information for visiting researchers (visiting from outside of Israel):**

- Fellowship duration: between 1-2 months during the academic year.
- Fellowship rates range from \$1,000-\$1,500 per month, depending on alternate sources of funding.
- Fellows need to be affiliated with a university outside of Israel and can be at different stages of their academic career, including doctoral students, post- doctoral students, and faculty at other universities.
- Application Deadline: We review applications on a rolling basis based on available funding.
- All applications should be submitted to the project's PI Prof. Hila Shamir at [hshamir@tauex.tau.ac.il](mailto:hshamir@tauex.tau.ac.il) and to the projects' administrative director Debbie Siton [trafflabor@gmail.com](mailto:trafflabor@gmail.com) ; and include the following documents:
  1. Cover letter describing your interest in the project and stating the nature and duration of position you seek with us.
  2. Detailed CV (including list of publications).
  3. A preliminary research proposal (1-2 pages) for a research project you hope to pursue during your visit.
  4. *Doctoral candidates* who are interested in visiting us are required to send two letters of recommendation, one of which should be from their dissertation supervisor.

For more information about this call for applications, you may contact Prof. Hila Shamir at [hshamir@tauex.tau.ac.il](mailto:hshamir@tauex.tau.ac.il); or the projects' administrative director Debbie Siton [trafflabor@gmail.com](mailto:trafflabor@gmail.com).

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