

RESEARCH FELLOW FOR THE FUTURE OF FREE SPEECH

The Future of Free Speech project is hiring a research fellow specialized in the intersection of free speech and technology.

The future of free speech

According to both the Economist and Freedom House, civil liberties have been in global decline for more than a decade, affecting all regions of the world. No area has deteriorated more than freedom of expression, media freedom and internet freedom. Even in open societies the virality of online speech is increasingly seen as a threat rather than as a precondition for a free and pluralist society. To better understand and counter this development, Justitia is launching an inter-disciplinary project on "The Future of Free Speech" (FFS) in cooperation with Aarhus University's Department of Political Science and Columbia Global Freedom of Expression (CGFE).

The Future of Free Speech project strives to bring an evidence-based approach to the burning questions facing both the principles and practices of free speech in a digital, interconnected world. Why is freedom of speech in global decline? What are the benefits and harms of free speech? And how can we create a resilient culture of free speech?

The position

You will become part of a small, international and multi-disciplinary team of researchers, academics and communicators, where your tasks will cover both law, freedom of speech issues as well as questions of tech regulation and digital community standards. You will take part in researching, drafting and co-authoring analyses, academic articles, writing op-eds, and analyzing relevant community standards, laws and principles.

While the position does not require relocation to Copenhagen, expect some travel for work and conferences.

The candidate (you)

- has a background in law, though other academic backgrounds such as political science or international relations will also be considered.
- has 1-3 years of experience working in fields related to law, tech/digital media, or freedom of speech, for example in government, an NGO, law, or tech firm.

- thrives in an inter-disciplinary setting where the use of data and empirical research matters as much as abstract philosophical principles and black letter law.
- has academic or professional experience with issues such as online content moderation, international human rights and/or comparative constitutional law and technology.
- is able to work independently and and yet work loyally as part of a team, meeting deadlines, attending videoconferences and so on.
- must be fluent in English, while perhaps also commanding additional languages.

The Future of Free Speech is based in Copenhagen, Denmark, but relocation is not required. Candidates from any time zone will be considered.

Send a cover letter with a CV to jacob@justitia-int.org

