

## Candidate Information

<b>Position:</b>	Research Fellow, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics
<b>School/Department:</b>	School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics
<b>Reference:</b>	24/112219
<b>Closing Date:</b>	Monday 4 November 2024
<b>Salary:</b>	£39,922 per annum.
<b>Anticipated Interview Date:</b>	Wednesday 20 November 2024
<b>Duration:</b>	12 months

### JOB PURPOSE:

The School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy, and Politics is seeking to hire a full-time Research Fellow (Postdoc) for the ESRC New Investigator Resilient Civil Society Project (ReCiv). We are looking for a highly productive, ambitious, and collaborative candidate to join the project's Principal Investigator, Dr. Michele Crepez at Queen's University Belfast, and Co-Investigator Dr. Wiebke Marie Junk at the University of Copenhagen, as part of the ReCiv research team.

The project involves conducting surveys, interviews, and focus groups to examine the resilience of civil society organizations and other interest groups during crises in nine European countries. It also gathers unprecedented observational data on organizational changes, such as mergers and terminations, by coding website and social media content. This is a critical role (which may be extended depending on availability of funding), and the ideal candidate should be capable of working independently while also collaborating effectively to carry out project tasks.

### MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Assist in the implementation of the project's data collection strategy, including a multilingual, cross-national elite survey, observational data, interviews and focus groups with selected civil society leaders and lobbyists.
2. Carry out analysis, critical evaluations, and interpretations of project data and the literature using methodologies and other techniques appropriate to the project.
3. Produce high quality research outputs consistent with project aims and commensurate with career stage. This will include collaborating and co-authoring with PI and project team (as appropriate) on outputs.
4. Disseminate research findings to policymakers and public policy communities.
5. In consultation with the project team, organise dissemination events and project outputs, and contribute accordingly.
6. In consultation with the project team, promote research milestones and outputs at national and international conferences.
7. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the project to ensure that it is completed on time and within budget.
8. Undergo personal and professional development.
9. Any other duties not included above, but consistent with the role.

### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Normally have or be about to obtain (post-viva or post thesis submission) a postgraduate degree at PhD level in a social science discipline.
2. Relevant research experience to include:
  - Undertaking research related to public policy, organisation studies or political science more broadly.
  - Proven track record of research experience with the use of common research design and methodologies of the social sciences.
  - Familiarity with academic research environment.
  - Experience with engaging with academic audiences, presenting at national and/or international conferences.
3. Ability to independently manage time and work within a large scale project with fixed deadlines.
4. Ability to work unsupervised in pursuit of agreed outputs and administrative tasks.
5. Ability to liaise with project participants and community stakeholders in a timely manner.

6. Ability to communicate with public audiences. Command of the English language and academic writing skills.
7. Practical problem-solving skills, independence of thought and initiative.
8. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
9. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
10. Ability to prepare and give presentations to academic and non-academic audiences.
11. Ability to assess and organise resources.
12. Enthusiasm for the project and for working as part of a small research team.
13. Desire to contribute to scholarship with research outputs and communicate research beyond the academy.

**DESIRABLE CRITERIA:**

1. PhD in Political Science, Politics or Public Policy.
2. Proven track record of experience working on matters related to public policy, lobbying, advocacy, civil society organisations, and/or interest groups.
3. Familiarity with research activities, coordinating and reporting on research projects and grants.
4. Academic publications in a relevant field (submitted, in press, in print) commensurate with career stage.
5. Advanced quantitative methods skills.
6. Experience of giving presentations at non-academic conferences and meetings.
7. Ability to develop and maintain excellent relationships with research participants and other community stakeholders.
8. Knowledge of languages relevant to the project – Dutch, Danish, Swedish, German, Italian, and/or French.
9. Experience with survey software (such as Qualtrics, Alchemer etc.) and statistical software or programming packages.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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