



1 Advertisement

Post Title: 2 x Postdoctoral Researchers on UKRI funded project

School/department: International Relations/ Global Studies

Hours: Full time

Location: Brighton, United Kingdom- with travel overseas

Contract: Fixed term for 4 years until 01 June 2027

Reference: 10732 & 10733

Salary: starting at £42,155 per annum

Placed on: 24 January 2023

Closing date: 03 March 2023. Applications must be received by midnight of this date.

Expected Interview date: to be confirmed

Expected start date: 01 June 2023

Professor Peter Newell is looking to hire two postdoctoral researchers (PDRAs) for four years each to work on a UKRI Frontier Research Grant (formerly an ERC Advanced Grant) looking at the political dynamics of supply-side climate policies. These are policies being adopted to limit the production and supply of fossil fuels such as bans, moratoria, phase-out policies and subsidy removals that are being adopted by a growing number of countries around the world. The project seeks to understand where these policies are being adopted, how and by whom and what can be done internationally to support their wider adoption.

The PDRAs will be expected to conduct fieldwork in 'first mover' countries to understand these dynamics and to contribute to both the theoretical elements of the project and the forward-looking scenario work on possible futures for supply-side policies. The selection of countries the PDRA will be expected to work in will depend on final case selection and the language and research skills of the successful applicants.

The research will involve conducting semi-structured interviews (at least 20 in each country) in collaboration with the PI with key actors involved in the decision-making process around the adoption of supply-side policies. This will include a range of government officials from different government departments, representatives from business and civil society organisations and international actors active in the country (such as donors, banks, business and civil society associations).

In addition to conducting fieldwork, the PDRAs will be expected to:

- help organise and analyse the data and contribute to research papers for publication
- conduct literature reviews
- present the research at academic conferences and policy and activist facing events
- contribute to the scenarios on future pathways to supply-side adoption in 'second mover' countries
- contribute to the management of the project, meetings and reporting of activities



Please contact Peter Newell (P.J.Newell@sussex.ac.uk) for informal enquiries.

Please note that this position may be subject to [ATAS clearance](#) if you require visa sponsorship.

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The University of Sussex values the diversity of its staff and students and we welcome applicants from all backgrounds.

2. The School / Division

Please find further information regarding the school/division at <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/global/>

3. Job Description

Job Description for the post of: Postdoctoral researcher

Department: International Relations

Section/Unit/School: Global Studies

Location: Brighton, UK

Grade: G7.36

Responsible to: Peter Newell (project PI)

Responsible for:

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Hence the work will involve:

- Using a database to track supply-side policies by location and type
- organizing fieldwork in 'first mover' countries and conducting interviews according to ethical guidelines
- conducting literature reviews
- helping organize and analyse the data and contribute to research papers for publication

- presenting the research at academic conferences and policy and activist facing events
- contributing to the scenarios on future pathways to supply-side adoption in 'second mover' countries
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4. Person Specification

Essential

- PhD in a relevant subject area (politics or international relations, development studies, geography, science and technology studies)
- Knowledge, interest and enthusiasm for the subject matter (climate change, energy politics)
- Experience of conducting fieldwork, especially interview-based research
- Evidence of teamwork
- Excellent command of written and spoken English
- Ability to work in the UK

Desirable

- Evidence of ability to publish in academic outlets
- Language skills: especially at least one of the following: Spanish, French, Portuguese, Danish
- Experience of managing budgets
- Experience of reporting to funders/ project managers