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**JOB DESCRIPTION**

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| Post title: | **Research Fellow, Integrating Citizen Deliberation for Impact (i4i)** | | |
| Standard Occupation Code: (UKVI SOC CODE) | 2119 - Natural and social science professionals | | |
| School/Department: | School of Economic, Social and Political Sciences - Department of Politics & International Relations | | |
| Faculty: | Faculty of Social Sciences | | |
| Career Pathway: | Education, Research and Enterprise (ERE) | Level: | 4 |
| \*ERE category: | Research pathway | | |
| Posts responsible to: | Principal Investigator | | |
| Posts responsible for: | n/a | | |
| Post base: | Office-based | | |

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| Job purpose |
| To undertake research in accordance with the objectives of the Integrating Citizen Deliberation for Impact (i4i) project. i4i is an international research collaboration in the Weave Programme, funded by the German, Belgian and Polish National Science Foundations. It examines the different ways that national and subnational European climate assemblies have been differently connected to their respective political-administrative systems and how this shapes their polity, policy and political impacts (See: https://i4i-project.com/). The successful candidate will become part of an international team of researchers in four countries, led by Rikki Dean (UK), Brigitte Geissel (Germany), Jean-Benoit Pilet (Belgium) and Paulina Pospieszna (Poland).  The main responsibilities of this role are to develop the cross-cutting conceptual schemes and empirical analyses that unite the different work packages of the project. This will primarily include carrying out a comparative analysis of the integration and impacts of European climate assemblies and writing academic outputs that conceptualise integration and impacts of public participation, as well as the present the findings of the empirical analysis of the relationship between the two. In addition, the post-holder will take a role in supporting the data collection of the other teams and the project administration and reporting. This work will be carried out under the supervision of Rikki Dean (principal investigator of the project). |

| Key accountabilities/primary responsibilities | | % Time |
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|  | To produce academic articles and book chapters on the integration and impact(s) of public deliberation | 30 % |
|  | To conduct a Qualitative Comparative Analysis of a database of case studies of European national and subnational climate assemblies. | 30 % |
|  | To support data collection for case studies and public opinion surveys on the integration and impact of public deliberation, in collaboration with researchers in the other teams in Belgium, Germany and Poland. | 10 % |
|  | Carry out administrative tasks associated with specified research funding, for example risk assessment of research activities, data management, organisation of project meetings and documentation. Implementation of procedures required to ensure accurate and timely formal reporting and financial control. | 10 % |
|  | To attend project meetings and workshops | 5 % |
|  | To represent the project and present project findings to external audiences, such as at academic conferences | 5 % |
|  | To contribute to project knowledge exchange and impact activities, such writing policy briefings, advising deliberation processes. | 5 % |
|  | Any other duties as allocated by the line manager following consultation with the post holder. | 5 % |

| Internal and external relationships |
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| Direct responsibility to holder of research award (principal investigator).  May have additional reporting and liaison responsibilities to external funding bodies or sponsors.  Collaborators/colleagues in other the other project teams in Belgium, Germany and Poland. |

| Special Requirements |
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| To be available to participate in fieldwork as required by the specified research project.  To attend national and international conferences for the purpose of disseminating research results.  *Applications for Research Fellow positions will be considered from candidates who are working towards or nearing completion of a relevant PhD qualification. The title of Research Fellow will be applied upon successful completion of the PhD. Prior to the qualification being awarded the title of Senior Research Assistant will be given.* |

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

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| Criteria | Essential | Desirable | How to be assessed |
| Qualifications, knowledge and experience | PhD or equivalent professional qualifications and experience in the social sciences or other relevant discipline  Detailed understanding and knowledge of the literature on democratic innovations / participatory governance / deliberative democracy.  Capacity to work on both conceptual problems and conduct rigorous empirical political science analyses. | Prior experience of using Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA).  Prior experience conducting case study research  Good track record (relative to opportunity) of peer-reviewed publications in leading journals and /or book presses.  Advanced German. | Application form, CV, references, and interview |
| Planning and organising | Able to organise own research activities to deadline and quality standards  Ability to flexibly adapt plan as a project develops. |  | Application form, references, and interview |
| Problem solving and initiative | Able to develop understanding of complex problems and apply in-depth knowledge to address them  Able to develop original insights and analyses.  Capacity to solve methodological challenges |  | Application form, references, and interview |
| Management and teamwork | Ability to undertake independent and collaborative research in accordance with a specified project objectives and as a research team member  Work effectively in a team, understanding the strengths and weaknesses of others to help teamwork development |  | Application form, CV, references, and interview |
| Communicating and influencing | Excellent academic writing skills, including ability to co-author academic publications  Communicate new and complex information effectively, both verbally and in writing, engaging the interest and enthusiasm of the target audience  Able to present research results at group meetings and conferences, including to non-academic audiences.  Work proactively with colleagues in other work areas/institutions, contributing specialist knowledge to achieve project outcomes. |  | Written application and interview |
| Other skills and behaviours | Understanding of relevant Health & Safety issues.  Commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI). |  | Written application and interview |
| Special requirements | Able to attend national and international conferences to present research results |  | Written application and interview |

**JOB HAZARD ANALYSIS**

**Is this an office-based post?**

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| Yes | If this post is an office-based job with routine office hazards (eg: use of VDU), no further information needs to be supplied. Do not complete the section below. |
| No | If this post is not office-based or has some hazards other than routine office (eg: more than use of VDU) please complete the analysis below.  Hiring managers are asked to complete this section as accurately as possible to ensure the safety of the post-holder. |

## - HR will send a full PEHQ to all applicants for this position. Please note, if full health clearance is required for a role, this will apply to all individuals, including existing members of staff.

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| **ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURES** | **Occasionally**  (<30% of time) | **Frequently**  (30-60% of time) | **Constantly**  (> 60% of time) |
| Outside work |  |  |  |
| Extremes of temperature (eg: fridge/ furnace) |  |  |  |
| ## Potential for exposure to body fluids |  |  |  |
| ## Noise (greater than 80 dba - 8 hrs twa) |  |  |  |
| ## Exposure to hazardous substances (eg: solvents, liquids, dust, fumes, biohazards). Specify below: |  |  |  |
| Frequent hand washing |  |  |  |
| Ionising radiation |  |  |  |
| **EQUIPMENT/TOOLS/MACHINES USED** | | | |
| ## Food handling |  |  |  |
| ## Driving university vehicles(eg: car/van/LGV/PCV) |  |  |  |
| ## Use of latex gloves (prohibited unless specific clinical necessity) |  |  |  |
| ## Vibrating tools (eg: strimmers, hammer drill, lawnmowers) |  |  |  |
| **PHYSICAL ABILITIES** | | | |
| Load manual handling |  |  |  |
| Repetitive crouching/kneeling/stooping |  |  |  |
| Repetitive pulling/pushing |  |  |  |
| Repetitive lifting |  |  |  |
| Standing for prolonged periods |  |  |  |
| Repetitive climbing (ie: steps, stools, ladders, stairs) |  |  |  |
| Fine motor grips (eg: pipetting) |  |  |  |
| Gross motor grips |  |  |  |
| Repetitive reaching below shoulder height |  |  |  |
| Repetitive reaching at shoulder height |  |  |  |
| Repetitive reaching above shoulder height |  |  |  |
| **PSYCHOSOCIAL ISSUES** | | | |
| Face to face contact with public |  |  |  |
| Lone working |  |  |  |
| ## Shift work/night work/on call duties |  |  |  |