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Job Description

This form summarises the purpose of the job and lists its key tasks. It is not a definitive list of all the tasks to be undertaken as those can be varied from time to time at the discretion of the School, in consultation with the postholder.

Job title: Research Officer, *Digital Makings of the City of Refuge*

Department: Media and Communications
Accountable to: Dr Myria Georgiou

Job Summary

Dr Myria Georgiou has been awarded a grant by the Rockefeller Foundation in collaboration with the Institute of Global Affairs (IGA), LSE. The project investigates the role of digital communication in supporting resilient urban communities, especially in response to change resulting from refugee and migrant arrivals. The primary empirical focus is on three cities that currently experience the aftermath of the "refugee crisis" in Europe: Athens, Berlin and London. The project's main aims are to:

- Examine how receiving and arriving populations use digital communication to connect with/disconnect from others;
- Investigate local, national and transnational communication connections that support urban communities at times of demographic change;
- Use a multimethod approach to engage with a range of actors and record their diverse communicative experiences in multicultural urban locals.

The project will fund one full time Research Officer, or two part-time (0.5) Research Officers based at LSE for 12 months from 1 June 2018. The core task of the person taking this role is to undertake empirical research at two or more of the cities on study – Athens, Berlin, London – along with the Principle Investigator (Dr Myria Georgiou) and the Co-Principle Investigator (Dr Suzanne Hall) and to participate in the organisation, conduct and analysis of fieldwork and participatory events in two or more of the cities on study. In the context of this study, the Research Officer(s) will conduct interviews and focus groups with (primarily Arab-speaking) refugees and migrants, as well as with settled populations in urban neighbourhoods. The Research Officer(s) would be based at the Department of Media and Communications at the LSE. They would work with a degree of independence, within the broader project, under the supervision of Dr Myria Georgiou. As well as pursuing the objectives of the research project, the Research Officer would be expected to play an active role in the life and activities of the Department of Media and Communications.

Duties and Responsibilities

Range of Research Activities and Responsibilities
- Conducting research projects or programmes either independently or in a team.
- Demonstrating the ability to analyse and research complex ideas, concepts or theories and applying appropriate methodologies.
- Designing and conducting fieldwork.
- Engaging with a diverse range of actors, with research to their diverse identities and experiences.

- Contributing to the design and conduct of creative elements of the project, such as community events and exhibitions.
- Writing up research for publication in a variety of modes including peer reviewed journals.
- Initiating and sustaining links with external bodies to foster collaboration.
- Presenting research papers at conferences.
- Organising conferences, seminars and workshops.
- Contributing creative solutions to research challenges.

Activities relating to administration and management and/or School service may include:
- Playing a constructive role in the life of the Department.

All of the above subject to the contractual obligations imposed by the external funding agency and with the agreement of the grant-holder, Principal Investigator and/or Head of Centre.

Flexibility
To deliver services effectively, a degree of flexibility may be required in the duties performed in order to meet the demands of service. Job roles may also naturally develop over time and ongoing substantial changes to a role will be discussed between line managers and their staff, with job descriptions updated as and when appropriate.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)
LSE is committed to building a diverse, equitable and truly inclusive university. All posts (and post holders) will seek to ensure diversity and inclusion, while opposing all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination on the grounds of age, disability, gender identity, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation, or social and economic background.

Ethics Code
Posts (and post holders) are assumed to have a responsibility to act in accordance with the School's Ethics Code and to promote the principles and values that the Code enshrines. The Ethics Code clearly states that the whole LSE community, including all staff, students, and governors of LSE, are expected to act in accordance with the principles which are set out in the Code. As such you are required to read and familiarise yourself with it. The School's Effective Behaviours Framework is designed to support this Code. It sets out examples for the six behaviours that all staff are expected to demonstrate, these can be found on the following link: click here

Environmental Sustainability
The post holder is required to minimise environmental impact in the performance of the role, and actively contribute to the delivery of the LSE Environmental Policy.