



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 (PeaceRep's Ukraine programme)

Department/Division: LSE IDEAS (Conflict and Civiness Research Group)

Accountable to: Director of PeaceRep's Ukraine programme

Job Summary

The post-holder will undertake work as part of the academic team on PeaceRep's Ukraine programme, a research project funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO).

PeaceRep's Ukraine programme was established on the 1st October 2022. It seeks to provide data, analysis and scholarship on the war against Ukraine, as well its regional and global implications, that contributes to the protection of Ukraine's democratic institutions, rule of law system and territorial integrity. The programme forms part of the work of PeaceRep (the Peace and Conflict Resolution Evidence Platform) consortium, an international research project rethinking peace and transition processes in light of changing conflict dynamics led by the University of Edinburgh Law School. PeaceRep's Ukraine programme is led by the LSE and is developing a Ukraine-centred regional network offering cutting edge analysis on the war across 10 interdisciplinary projects and 6 other academic institutions.

The postholder will contribute to two overlapping projects: (vii) Pursuing a just end to the conflict: agency, legitimacy and accountability; and (ix) A new age of disorder? Global and regional security, defence policy and international governance after the Russian war on Ukraine. Specifically, this will involve the preparation of a scholarly publication on the implications of the Russian war against Ukraine for the fragmentation of the regional order in Eurasia, e.g., for Russia's historic position as a 'peace mediator'. They will also be expected to play a full role in the wider work of the team, including our research-for-impact agenda, through events and policy-engagement with UK-based and global stakeholders. The postholder will also have the opportunity to undertake a one-month in-residence fellowship with our partner institution, Regensburg-based Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS).

The postdoctoral researcher will be hosted by the Conflict and Civiness Research Group based at LSE IDEAS, the LSE's in-house foreign policy think tank. Through PeaceRep they will have access to a wider network at the LSE and beyond developing research on Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Somalia, Afghanistan and Myanmar, as well as cross-comparative data and analysis on peace negotiation and global fragmentation dynamics and peace intervention. The Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) will open up opportunities for engagement with a substantial programme of work in area studies on the history and politics of the post-Soviet Space, as well as a wider research network including the KonKoop project on 'Conflict and Cooperation in Eastern Europe'.

The post-doctoral researcher will be managed by Dr Luke Cooper (LSE CCRG) and collaborate closely with Dr Cindy Wittke (Leibniz-IOS) in a second supervisor role.



Duties and Responsibilities

Range of Research Activities and Responsibilities

- Co-lead our research on peace and conflict transition processes in the post-Soviet space.
- Contribute to a theoretical framework on global fragmentation as a conceptual lens to link the transformation of conflict transition processes to the changing nature of world order.
- Initiating and sustaining links with external bodies to foster collaboration.
- Prepare and contribute to a range of research-based and policy-relevant outputs, including publication, briefing papers and presentations.
- Assist team members to use the research to identify and realise opportunities to inform and influence policy-making.
- Assist in planning and delivery of outputs from other projects, e.g. through discussion and some limited editorial work.
- 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 institute and project team.

All of the above subject to the contractual obligations imposed by the external funder and with the agreement of the 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 exigencies 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.