



## 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 Iraq**

**Department/Division: Middle East Centre**

**Accountable to: Professor Toby Dodge**

### Job Summary

To work under the direction of Professor Toby Dodge on the FCDO-funded PeaceRep Iraq research programme. The main responsibilities will be to research, write and publish two articles to be published in suitable academic journals, on the politics, economics and sociology of the drivers of conflict and state fragmentation in Iraq.

### Duties and Responsibilities

#### Range of Research Activities and Responsibilities

- With direction and guidance from Professor Dodge, to develop two research projects which investigate the drivers of conflict and state weakness in Iraq.
- Demonstrating the ability to analyse and research complex ideas, concepts or theories and applying appropriate methodologies.
- Designing, organising and conducting two research fieldtrips to Iraq.
- Writing up research for publication in a variety of modes including peer reviewed journals.
- Initiating and sustaining links with external partners to further collaboration.
- Presenting research papers at seminars and workshops.
- Contributing to the planning and facilitation of research workshops.
- Writing policy briefs and blog posts.
- Engaging proactively with the FCDO on the research in progress.
- Contributing to the PeaceRep consortium, hosted by the University of Edinburgh, and representing the MEC in consortium engagement.

#### Activities relating to administration and management and/or School service may include:

- Contributing to the administration of the PeaceRep Iraq project, including reporting to the University of Edinburgh.
- Organising research events, assisting research partners, supporting publications processes.
- Liaising with the FCDO, University of Edinburgh and other PeaceRep partners.
- Playing a constructive role in the life of the Middle East Centre.

All of the above subject to the contractual obligations imposed by the external funding agency and with the agreement of the Principal Investigator.

**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. Travel to Iraq to conduct research is required in this role.

**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.