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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: Distinguished Policy Fellow (CETEx Director) – EMDE Private Capital Mobilisation & Fiscal Policy

Department/Division: Centre for Economic Transition Expertise (CETEx) in Global School of Sustainability
Accountable to: Prof Robert Patalano – CETEx Executive Director

Job Summary

The Centre for Economic Transition Expertise (CETEx), based within the Global School of Sustainability (GSOS) seeks to appoint a Distinguished Policy Fellow to lead programmes with respect to:

- Private capital mobilisation
- Economic and fiscal policies in emerging markets and development economies (EMDEs)
- Geographic focus on China and Latin America, and related capacity-building programmes.
- Multilateral engagements with respect to private capital mobilisation, fiscal and debt sustainability in EMDEs.

For this Centre, we seek to appoint an experienced Director who brings recognised technical expertise, relevant international programme and staff management experience, as well as high level engagement, to these CETEx initiatives. The Director would oversee the following:

- Private capital mobilisation (PCM) for climate finance across advanced and emerging market economies, which would build on CETEx's work through our PCM initiatives, including on blended finance, efficacy of national development bank climate initiatives, credit rating methodologies, scalability of deal structures, and international policies that help facilitate capital flows to accelerate the transition.
- Economic and fiscal policies in EMDEs, with an emphasis on climate transition that aligns fiscal policy, inward investment, and catalytical capital.
- Spearheading CETEx programmes in China and Latin America, including the economic and fiscal initiatives explained above, and scaling up tailored technical assistance across Asia and Latin America that strengthen climate policy analysis and implementation.
- Leading selected multilateral engagements (particularly with/through the G7/G20, international development architecture, OECD, CFMCA) with respect to private capital mobilisation, fiscal and debt sustainability in EMDEs, so that CETEx's analysis and policy recommendations gain traction and influence high-level policies, principals and good practices through international fora and networks.

The post holder will lead on further advancing CETEx's efforts to produce cutting-edge and applied policy research, in collaboration with other CETEx Directors that lead fiscal and economic work in advanced economies, and also central banking and regulatory work in India, South East Asia and Africa.

To shape the research and policy strategies for each country, the post holder will actively engage with senior policy staff and policy officials in ministries in priority emerging market countries, particularly those engaged in G20, NGFS, and Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action, and international organisations. The post

holder will leverage relationships across these and other networks by attending meetings of such stakeholders, visits in-country, and attending and speaking at international conferences on or related to climate transition and adaptation.

The Director will serve as a leader of teams covering particular regions and countries, as well as a thought leader on climate finance, fiscal and sectoral policies in EMDEs in Asia and Latin America. The role will include managing managers, staff, external consultants, and research assistants, as well as liaising with our network of visiting professors and fellows across these geographies.

The post holder will also play a key role in CETEx's management team and its Management Steering Committee.

Duties and Responsibilities

Knowledge engagement, impact, user-focused and policy-oriented work

- Lead and further develop the CETEx's comprehensive private capital mobilisation work internationally, including in UK, Europe, and EMDEs, ensuring its rigorous research foundation, relevance for finance ministries and other ministries.
- Lead the growth of the fiscal and sectoral analysis in EMDEs, including building up internal teams, expanding the visiting fellow network and expanding thematic programs and supporting staff development through coaching, mentoring and secondment arrangements, underpinned by a diversified and sustainable funding base secured through targeted grant applications, funder relationships, and capacity-building contracts with public institutions.
- Lead and/or oversee the production of outstanding quality research-based policy-relevant outputs, including but not restricted to policy reports and briefs, working papers, presentations or blogs, in a timely manner.
- Conduct extensive engagement activities at the highest level, such as serving on advisory bodies, providing expert opinion and commentary to external audiences and bodies, including building senior-level networks, giving invited presentations to national and international forums, and making submissions to public inquiries, to ensure that research outputs have demonstrable impact and inform the public debate.
- Lead and contribute to the organisation of engagement activities with a research and policy audience in the public and private sectors, nationally and internationally, including research and policy conferences with academic and institutional partners, as well as training and capacity building programmes for public sector institutions.
- Build, strengthen and maintain close links with finance ministries, other relevant ministries, national development banks, national and multilateral public finance organisations, international organisations and networks and other policy and research stakeholders at the highest level through research, policy and capacity building engagement. In particular, support the Executive Director in representing CETEx with OECD, G20/G7 coordinating bodies and relevant working groups, IMF/World Bank related to fiscal and PCM, Coalition of Finance Ministers, and other relevant international fora.
- Lead the development of tailored capacity-building programmes for selected Asian and Latin American ministries and national development banks to strengthen economic policies and investment-led growth aligned with climate transition and resilience.
- Collaborate in the development of a tailored impact framework for fiscal and sectoral policies, and manage the delivery of the team's outputs against it to ensure they translate into tangible, demonstrable impact.

Management and leadership

- Serve as a senior leader on the CETEx management team, and on the CETEx Management Steering Committee, to help steer the Centre to grow its reputation for high-quality research, analysis and policy impact.

- Determine aspects of the overall direction of CETEx relating to PCM, fiscal and sectoral policies in EMDEs and being responsible for the operational planning and organisation of major projects and programmes.
- Take responsibility for growing the teams related to this work, and for recruiting, managing and coaching its members across the research, policy, engagement and capacity and technical assistance aspects of the policy programme, thereby building a strong, resilient and higher-performing team that delivers practical solutions to technically challenging problems.
- Range of staff oversight – 8-10 staff, and also a network of consultants and visiting fellows.

Activities relating to departmental /School management and administration may include

- Hold responsibility, with the support of and in collaboration with Executive Director, for fundraising and for initiating and sustaining links with research and policy funders or sponsors, securing the ongoing funding viability of the team the post holder oversees.
- Actively coordinate and collaborate with the Global School of Sustainability, including its initiatives and research on Asia and forms of climate finance.
- Hold direct responsibility for the budget management of the fiscal and sectoral EMDE teams covering aforementioned geographic locations to ensure its funding viability, and contribute to the overall management of CETEx, including business planning and Centre-level strategic planning.
- Take direct responsibility for the development of the team and its individual members, including coaching, advising on career development, assessing performance and providing feedback, in order to build and sustain a strong, resilient and higher-performing team.
- Mentor and appraise junior research staff, policy fellows and senior policy fellows and providing advice on their career development.
- Support and, where appropriate, lead on Centre recruitment activity of staff, including membership of relevant search committees.

Other responsibilities may include:

- Contributing to strategic deliberations and making decisions at Institutional level, e.g. through membership of School committees.
- Supervising MSc students or teaching, as well as supporting other aspects of student experience.
- Behave and act in a way that is consistent with the purpose and principles of the Centre, and the values and aims of the LSE.

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 inclusive university. All staff are expected to contribute to a working, teaching and research environment in which people are treated with dignity and respect, and to comply with LSE's duties to prevent unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation on the grounds protected by the Equality Act 2010. LSE is also committed to advancing equality of opportunity in relation to social and economic background. These expectations do not require staff or applicants to endorse any particular political, philosophical or contested viewpoint, and are subject to LSE's statutory duties and commitment to protect freedom of speech and academic freedom within the law, which includes the right of academic staff to question and test received wisdom, and to put forward unpopular or controversial opinions.

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

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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.

Free Speech
The Code of Practice on Free Speech outlines the responsibilities of LSE to protect and promote freedom of speech and academic freedom within the law for students, faculty, staff, and visiting speakers. It applies to all activities on LSE premises and those conducted in the name of the School or LSE Students' Union at any location. The Code confirms that LSE does not take formal positions on political or international issues but provides a platform for critical debate within the law, taking account of the various legislative requirements and the context provided by policies and procedures. Procedures are set out in the Code on how events must be arranged and conducted.