



## 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

**Department/Division:** Department of Anthropology

**Accountable to:** Principal Investigator for Periscope: Multilevel Governance for Pandemic Preparedness

### Job Summary

The Research Officer will work on the European Union Horizon 2020 Periscope Project (Pan-European Response to the Impacts of COVID-19 and Future Pandemics and Epidemics). The post holder will work on social and community infrastructures that could support recovery and renewal from Covid-19 impacts.

The post holder will work with the Principal Investigator for Periscope: Multilevel Governance for Pandemic Preparedness and will be part of a large programme of research involving many partner institutions across Europe.

The postholder will be based in the Department of Anthropology at LSE and will have research responsibilities and a key coordination role within LSE workstreams on mental health, health inequalities and multi-level governance that are part of the European Union Horizon 2020 Periscope Project.

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Work with the Principal Investigator to develop comparative primary ethnographic and secondary literature research across the UK and India to develop a social-infrastructure based perspective that compliments the aims of PERISCOPE.
- Use a mix of face to face, digital, citizen science and co-production to generate primary data.
- Work across the LSE workstreams in mental health, health inequality and multilevel governance to ensure connectivity and engagement with the PERISCOPE objectives with the support of the Principal Investigator. This will involve attending meetings, corresponding with workstream leads and organising events for knowledge sharing and dissemination.
- Initiate activities which connect PERISCOPE with ongoing activities across departments within LSE.
- With respect to research - conduct and publish qualitative research which explores one or more of the following topics:
  - Continuities and discontinuities in community led responses to public health issues related to Covid-19 between selected EU countries and other regions (especially India).
  - The relationship between different forms of social infrastructures and health outcomes from Covid-19 .
  - Links between social infrastructures and mental health and health inequality impacts from Covid-19.



- Development of best practice in legal, financial and decentralised policy support for community initiatives.
- New measures of resilience that include community engagement and cohesion.
- Conduct social science research exploring Covid-19 interventions and their legacies.
- Initiate events and collaborative publications between network members.

In discussion with the Principal Investigator, this research will be published in high quality peer-reviewed journals as single and dual authored pieces, commensurate with the experience of the post holder.

### **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.