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JOB DESCRIPTION Post-doc for “Who is leading the change? Innovation and influence in the epistemic community for macroprudential regulation between central banks, IMF and academia”

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Contract details

We are seeking to appoint a Post-Doc to support Prof Matthias Thiemann in the project “Who is leading the change? Innovation and influence in the epistemic community for macroprudential regulation between central banks, IMF and academia”. The project is funded by the ESRC and will analyse the economic discourse on the vulnerabilities and systemic risks that built up in financial markets, how they can be detected and measured and how they should be regulated. It uses topic modelling to undertake a large scale quantitative analysis of these discussions, based on a large textual corpus of texts.

The appointment is available from October 1st (or as soon as possible thereafter) and the contract duration is up to 12 months.

Type of contract: Fixed-duration contract (CDD)

Gross salary: 2 400 € per month

Other contributions: partial contribution for transportation card within Paris, restaurant tickets if working arrangements include full working days.

How to apply

Please send (1) a cover letter outlining how you feel you meet the requirements for the position, (2) a CV and (3) a sample of single-authored written work that includes empirical quantitative analysis to linda.amrani@sciencespo.fr by 5 pm on 28th of August.

Interviews will be planned for the week of 2nd of September.

Tasks

The Post-Doc will be expected to:

- Support the research team through the collection, evaluation and interpretation of the research data.

- Prepare and undertake data analysis and tests using quantitative and qualitative techniques and approaches agreed with the Principal Investigator
- Document the research findings, assessing the outcomes and options emerging from the research and contributing as a junior partner to the writing and publication of research papers.
- Responsible for the maintenance and version control of the data collected. This will also include inputting of data and its safe storage using the agreed protocols, as defined by the research team Sciences Po's research data protection policy.
- Identify and understand work requirements prioritising tasks and responsibilities within an agreed timeframe agreed with the Principal Investigator.
- The post holder will be required to effectively manage their time to deliver on the priorities of the project. The post holder will need to plan ahead to ensure the research is delivered in accordance with the overall research objectives and deadlines. This may include defining tasks and schedules, organising meetings, preparing intermediate reports on data and findings, and contributing to the project final output (articles).

Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience

Essential:

- A PhD in Economics, Politics or Political Sociology with a substantive or methodological focus relevant to the project.
- Demonstrable training in quantitative research methods and techniques at postgraduate level.*
- An expertise, backed up by research experience, in the economic discourse on financial instabilities and macro-prudential policies
- Proficiency in English

Desirable, but not essential:

- Research experience in subject relevant to the research project.*
- Prior research experience in externally funded projects.*
- Experience in primary data collection.
- A track record of international collaboration in social science research or consultancy experience.

Skills, Abilities and Competencies:

Essential:

- Proven ability of social science data input, management and analysis with R, Stata and Excel.*

- Advanced quantitative skills (e.g. topic modelling, citation network analysis, programming in R).*
- Proven ability to write up research findings.*
- Ability to take initiative, self-manage and contribute intellectually to the overall project.
- Expertise with relevant office packages.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- Good oral and written communication skills.*
- Attention to detail.*

Desirable but not essential:

- Evidence of coherent research activity (such as involvement in successful grant applications and publications).