We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic researcher to work on a British Academy funded project on the role of journalists in delivering ‘historical justice’ in times of radical political transition, e.g. after the cessation of armed conflict or an abrupt change of regime. It will contribute to a growing body of research on the role of non-state actors in relation to ‘transitional justice’. The project, led by Prof James A Sweeney at Lancaster University with support from Prof Kenneth Andresen, University of Agder (Norway), will examine the practice and self-perception of journalists in this regard, with a view to improving the ability of local and international actors to understand and interact with the media in transitional contexts. This project is a pilot study, and will focus upon Kosovo.

The role of the research assistant will be to develop a literature review as well as undertaking primary data collection, analysis and archiving; and contributing to the preparation of research outputs. The successful candidate must be available to conduct interviews for one month in Kosovo in summer 2018. The research assistant position is available full-time for 10 months of the 12 month project.

**Major Duties:**

1. To compile a literature review on transitional justice and transitional relativism that draws upon both law and legal studies, as well as media and journalism studies.

2. To work with the PI, CI and project partners to arrange and conduct up to 30 interviews to take place in Kosovo in summer 2018:
   - Resolving problems concerning methodology, the day to day running of the project, analysis and ethics that arise.
   - Liaising with gatekeepers and establishing contacts.
   - Undertaking qualitative data collection in Kosovo (collected face-to-face), over a period of one month in summer 2018, in Albanian and / or Serbian as necessary (working with the PI, CI and project partners to arrange travel and accommodation).
   - Ensuring good ethical practice and research governance, including ensuring that participants have provided informed consent, maintaining confidentiality of all study data.

3. To keep detailed records of research activities (e.g. research diary).

4. To contribute to qualitative analysis (e.g. NViVo) and prepare primary data for archiving.

5. To undertake the recording of the information gained throughout the research project, including:
   - Entering information on to computerised databases.
   - Maintaining record systems for the project.
6. To undertake other day-to-day routine clerical work associated with the project.

7. Contribute to planning and development, writing of reports/publications, dissemination of research findings.

8. To attend meetings specific to the project and give regular feedback on project milestones.

9. Undertake such other duties as may be requested by Principal Investigator, and Co-Investigator and that are commensurate with the nature and grade of the post.

10. Contribute to the national and international research reputation of the institution.

11. Work within the strategic direction of the University as a whole, and within the University’s code of ethics and practice guidelines.