JOB DESCRIPTION
Vacancy Ref: A3322

Job Title: Senior Research Associate

Present Grade: 7P

Department/College: Law School

Directly responsible to: Prof James A Sweeney

Supervisory responsibility for: N/A

Other contacts
Law School, Head of School
Law School, Departmental Officer

External: The wider RePAST team

We are seeking to appoint a researcher to work within an EU2020 funded project investigating how European societies deal with their troubled pasts today through the analysis of conflict discourses rooted in those pasts, with a view on the impact of those discourses on European integration. The title of the project is ‘Strengthening European Integration through the Analysis of Conflict Discourses: RePast - Revisiting the Past, Anticipating the Future’ (Grant Agreement no 769252).

Specifically, this researcher will work with Prof. James A. Sweeney to identify and to critically evaluate EU law and policy in relation to the troubled pasts upon which RePAST is focused, in order to deepen the knowledge base on the EU’s actions and to recommend a diverse and innovative range of law and policy responses for the future. In essence, this is an enquiry into the EU’s approach to ‘transitional justice’ and related concepts.

The role of the research assistant will be to develop, with Prof. Sweeney, a draft working paper on this topic for submission to RePAST no later than April 2021; and the final version in May 2021.

The research assistant position is available full-time for 6 months, starting on the 1st December 2020. It is possible for the research assistant to work remotely from Lancaster, subject to regular supervision.

Major Duties:

1. Plan and manage own research activities and priorities to meet project targets:
   a. To identify EU law and policy on transitional justice, both internally and externally (i.e. acting both in its internal competences and external competences).
   b. To examine and to document the extent to which these policies are manifested in public opinion, as (already) collected and analysed by RePAST.
   c. In the light of these activities, to a co-draft a working paper that critically evaluates EU law and policy in relation to transitional justice no later than April 2021; and the final version in May 2021. The working paper may subsequently form the basis for a co-authored peer-reviewed journal article.
   d. To attend meetings specific to the project and give regular feedback on project milestones (via video conferencing, if necessary).

2. To contribute to the national and international research reputation of the institution.

3. To work within the strategic direction of the University as a whole, and within the University’s code of ethics and practice guidelines.