PhD bursary - Experts and expertise in politics and policy-making

Application deadline
Wednesday 26th February 2014
Start date
October 2014

Project description
Join an exciting project exploring the role and impact of experts and expertise in politics and policy-making in contemporary and historical perspective. We are particularly interested in candidates with research interests in the role of experts and expertise in transnational networks and international/regional integration organizations including, but not limited to, the present-day European Union. Within this broad framework, we are interested in projects under two headings:

1. The role and impact of experts and expertise across time - in historical perspective and/or up to the present-day. Projects could focus on, for example,
   - formation of and change in experts and expert networks over time;
   - experts and expert networks in varying issue/policy areas and time periods and/or explorations of their evolution over time.

2. Experts and expertise in spatial perspective, and their evolution and impact in regional spaces and international/regional integration organizations. Projects could focus on, for example, in historical or contemporary perspective:
   - experts and expert networks as transnational mediators of political ideas, institutional designs and policy solutions;
   - experts and expertise in processes of policy diffusion/transfer within and across regional integration schemes in Europe or globally.

Funding
Fees plus bursary of £13,726, for three years subject to satisfactory progress.
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How to apply
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