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**Purpose of the Post**

The research assistant will work on an exciting new project on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and its policy advice to borrowing countries. Given the re-emergence of the IMF as the central institution in directing and managing economic reforms across the globe, there is good reason to probe into these changes, put them in context, provide historical depth, and re-assess the relevant evidence. This research project takes on these tasks, and will utilise a battery of new data on IMF conditionality (1975-2018) to examine two interrelated questions: What determines the IMF’s policy advice to countries? What consequences have IMF programs had on key policy issues (e.g. social protection, industrial policy, or the environment) and selected countries or regions? The research assistant will work on this project in direct collaboration with the other members of the team (at present, T. Stubbs and I. Petrikova), and provide research assistance on the general themes noted above. This will include compiling databases, conducting literature reviews, consulting archival documents, and seeking access to new research material. Additional tasks will include limited administrative support, managing the web presence of the project (e.g. website, twitter), and liaising with project partners in civil society. This post will be based in the AAME Centre for Politics at Royal Holloway.

**Key Tasks**

**Research** - The Research Assistant will be expected to engage in collecting data, coding IMF documents, conducting literature reviews, consulting archival documents, and seeking access to new research material. (Time spent -80%)

**Outreach & project management** - The Research Assistant will assist in all aspects of the future public launch of the database (in collaboration with civil society). This will include developing a dedicated website, maintaining a social media account for the project (Twitter), and liaising with project partners. The successful candidate will also be expected to produce accessible, high quality presentations, blog posts, and other public facing documents on the project findings for lay audiences and stakeholders. (Time spent -20%)