



The Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies is looking for a Masters-level student to fill the position of

Student Researcher (part-time, 15 hours per week)

for its SNSF-funded PRIMA project
“A child of its time: the impact of world politics on peacebuilding”.

Application deadline: November 29th 2019

Start date: February 1st 2020 (or upon mutual agreement)

Duration: 12 months

Project description:

UN peacebuilding is at a watershed, sadly illustrated by its failure to adequately address contemporary conflicts, such as in Libya, Syria, and Yemen. In the years immediately following the end of the Cold War, there was a consensus in the international community that peace operations needed to address root causes of conflicts and thus have extensive mandates, including the rebuilding of a liberal state. In recent years, this consensus has waned and different approaches to peacebuilding compete.

This turning point in UN peacebuilding can be understood as part of broader changes in world politics. The increasing influence of Russia and China, as well as other rising powers, such as Brazil, India, and Turkey, challenge US domination in world politics. The proposed project inquires into how this shift from a unipolar to a multipolar world order influences UN peacebuilding.

For more information: <https://graduateinstitute.ch/research-centres/centre-conflict-development-peacebuilding/child-its-time-impact-world-politics>

Tasks and responsibilities:

The focus of this position is to work with the principal investigator, Dr. Sara Hellmüller and other contributors on the implementation of this project. The Student Researcher will be required to:

- Support Dr. Hellmüller in her desk research, data compilation, and joint analysis;
- Manage and analyze datasets on UN peace missions using quantitative and qualitative assessments methods;
- Contribute to coding all peace mission mandates in defined periods according to approaches developed by the project;
- Conduct a literature and document review (existing literature, press statements, briefings and meeting records of UN peace missions, etc.)

Required qualifications:

- Being enrolled in a Master's programme of the Graduate Institute for the entire duration of the contract;
- An interest in the fields of peacebuilding, UN peace missions, or other fields related to the research project;
- Strong desk research and analytical skills;
- The ability to work under time pressure, meet multiple deadlines, and work both autonomously and in a participatory manner within a team;
- Fluent English;
- Ability to write concisely and accurately; and
- Knowledge of coding and the establishment of databases is not a strict requirement but an important asset.

Applications

To apply, please address a motivation letter with attached CV to Dr. Oliver Jütersonke (CCDP Head of Research) and send it by email to ccdp@graduateinstitute.ch by November 29th 2019 CoB. Interviews will be held in the beginning of December 2019.