

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE NOTICE

gLAWcal - Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development

gLAWcal - Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development is an independent non-profit research organization (think tank) that aims at providing a new focus on issues related to economic law, globalization and development, namely the relationship between international economy and trade, with special attention to a number of non-trade-related values and concerns. Through research and policy analysis, gLAWcal sheds a new light on issues such as human rights, right to water, rights to food, social, economic and cultural rights, labour rights, consumer protection, climate change and environmental matters, energy, product safety, food safety and security. Moreover, through an established network across the European Union and Asia, gLAWcal carries on several projects and disseminates its results through conferences, workshops, news, newsletters and publications.

gLAWcal is looking to recruit a passionate Research Associate to carry out research on a number of topics, some of those research will be executed in China within EU funded research projects.

General Tasks and Responsibilities

- Analysis and reporting of EU and International legislation, policy developments & trade rules of relevance to gLAWcal;
- Monitoring policy developments in the area of sustainable development, and in key areas of gLAWcal advocacy work, such as human rights, right to water, rights to food, social, economic and cultural rights, labour rights, consumer protection, climate change and environmental matters, energy, product safety, food safety and security;
- Supporting our advocacy work by contributing to the expansion of gLAWcal's network through research of possible partners and stakeholders;
- Contributing to web marketing and social media marketing, producing creative content for gLAWcal website and for its Facebook and Twitter pages;
- Contributing to producing weekly newsletter to be published on gLAWcal website and disseminated through its social networks;
- Conduct research on specific topics that might be both of interest to gLAWcal's scientific objectives and to the intern's academic research.
- Translations of articles, editing, support for peer-review and revision of articles

Specific Research Task for this Call

For this call for applications, beside the daily general tasks and Responsibility, the Research Associate will work to write a publishable paper on the **“Energy Trade, the WTO and the OPEC: An Economic and Legal Analysis”**

The Research Associate will be required to work also on the 2 following supplementary topics to write 2 publishable papers: **“Loans and Chinese Investments Abroad by Chinese SOEs and Chinese Oil Companies in the light of Environmental and Labour Standards and Corporate Social Responsibility”** and **“The Public Procurement as a Tool for a Transparent Public Administration”**

Profile of the candidate

Requirements:

- Academic background in Law, International Relations, International Economics, Environmental Sciences, preferably with a focus on one or more of the themes advocated by gLAWcal;
- Ability to research and analyze policy issues and legal issues;
- Excellent written and oral English skills;
- Ability to work independently and work in a small team;
- Excellent organizational skills;
- Microsoft Office expertise;
- Ability to adapt to a multicultural environment;
- Proactive and positive attitude;
- Ability to work quickly and efficiently as well as stress resistant.

Desirable:

- Proficiency in any other European language and/or Mandarin Chinese;
- Experience in project management;
- Good knowledge of development policy issues as well as the functioning of the European Union and International Institutions;
- Experience with NGOs, international organizations and research centers;
- Experience working with Joomla or other website content management systems;
- Experience with graphic design tools and software, such as Photoshop, CorelDraw or others.

Our offer

- An exciting job in a small but dynamic and fast-growing organisation dealing with cross-cutting disciplines and exciting research areas;
- Position under the UK Employment Law
- Starting date: 8th May 2016 to 31st December 2016

How to apply

Interested candidates are requested to send their résumé (with a photo) and a motivation letter, specifying why they would be suited for this position.

Applications will be accepted by 7 May 2016 at research@glawcal.org.uk