



Role: Research Associate (x2)

Location: London

Start date: September 2017

Reports to: Research Manager

Area of Work: Co-Existence

Who we are: The Tony Blair Institute for Global Change

The Tony Blair Institute for Global Change is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to making globalisation work for the many, not the few.

We offer new thinking and new approaches to addressing some of the most intractable problems leaders today are wrestling with.

The Institute works to provide policy and strategy in support of a vision of globalisation designed to improve the well-being of the people, economically, politically, and socially. Our focus is on tackling the big challenges which hold such a vision of globalisation back:

- Poor governance which stops the benefits of globalisation being shared because countries cannot build the institutional strength and resilience to transform their situation and deliver for their people
- Extremism which stops the co-existence and cultural open-mindedness essential for social integration
- Conflict which entrenches sectarianism and paralyses progress, particularly in the Middle East
- Western politics which is in urgent need of a new agenda to provide radical but sensible answers to the new challenges presented by globalisation, technology, and the rise of a new false populism

The Co-existence Pillar

- The Co-existence (CE) Pillar of the Institute works to promote co-existence and counter extremism through thought leadership, and our education and leadership programmes.
- Violent religious extremism poses a threat to us all. But the violence itself is a tragic symptom of a deeper problem. To defeat extremism, we must understand and address the ideology that drives the violence.
- Our thought leadership work engages with senior policy makers and has reached millions by driving the news agenda. Our projects on the ground have reached over two million people, through education and training in schools, universities, and with religious and community leaders. The Institute's work on promoting co-existence and countering extremism is born out of the work formerly undertaken by the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, established in 2008 and merged into the Institute in 2017.
- Our team's research into ideology, analysis of conflict, and monitoring of both the activities of radical groups, and government responses, provides the thought leadership needed to properly
- define the challenge and grasp its global reach. In the news and behind the scenes, we offer policy responses to meet the scale of the challenge. On the basis of our



research, we advise governments and international institutions around the world on policy approaches to countering extremism.

Role Summary

The two **Research Associates** will report into the Research Manager and will be responsible for conducting in-depth research through primary and secondary sources. The associates will analyze the data and information collected, and draft content targeted at specific audiences, including reports, briefings, and presentations.

The duties of this post-holder are to:

- Conduct research into extremism in the UK by leveraging both primary and secondary sources
- Build and maintain a network of high-quality contacts who can provide information
- Together with the Research Manager, define how to use and present the information collected, depending on the specific audience that is being targeted
- Together with the Research Manager, develop the structure and frameworks to be used for preparing substantial research reports/presentations
- Draft, from start to finish, in-depth reports, briefings, presentations and other content which analyzes the information collected and lays out the conclusions of our research.

Person Specification

This is a role in a fast paced team, working within complex policy areas that are highly scrutinised. Therefore the successful candidate for the role should be able to display the majority of the following:

- Master's degree in Public Policy, International Relations, Political Science, Economics or similar field.
- 3-5 years of relevant work experience as a Researcher/Analyst in a think tank or in politics or in a political risk consultancy (e.g. IHS, Economist Intelligence Unit, Oxford Analytica)
- Strong knowledge of religious extremism, political Islam and British politics
- Ability and willingness to conduct lengthy and detailed research, using both primary and secondary sources
- Excellent attention to detail and demonstrable skills or experience in writing for publication
- Strong critical thinking and ability to develop frameworks for analyzing and explaining difficult information in accessible ways
- Ability to understand and analyze complex issues in an international context and present them in clear and comprehensible manner suitable for various audiences
- Written and verbal Arabic language skills preferred.



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How to apply

In order to apply you are required to submit your CV and covering letter (each no longer than 2 pages) explaining why you want to work at The Institute and your suitability for the role to recruitment@institute.global.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and interviews organised thereafter.