**Announcement, position as Research Assistant**

**The Future of Non-Violent Politics**

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We seek applications for a position as Research Assistant (RA) to work with Håvard Hegre on a book project with the working title ‘The Future of Non-Violent Politics’ as well as for related projects. The RA will be expected to start working on (or close to) 1 June 2016 and to be employed for 4 ½ months. The position is remunerated with the standard RA rates at the department.

**The deadline for application is 25 March 2016, 16:00.**

**Description of the research project**

The ‘Future of Non-Violent Politics’ project is developing a book manuscript that argues that the steady expansion of democratic political systems and gradual (but uneven) reduction in armed conflict observed since the second World War should be explained jointly as two sides of a gradual, partial transition into a predominance of ‘non-violent politics’. It studies the main drivers of this multi-dimensional process with a particular focus on the role of socio-economic development. Based on an empirical analysis of these ideas, the book will provide forecasts into the future of the joint development of democracy and conflict in all countries in the world. The project is associated with the larger projects *Political Institutions and Armed Conflict* (<http://havardhegre.net/political-institutions-and-armed-conflict/>) and *Forecasting* (<http://havardhegre.net/forecasting/>).

**Expected tasks**

The RA will work together with Håvard Hegre as PI, the two other authors of the book, Håvard Mokleiv Nygård and Idunn Kristiansen, and at least one intern associated with the project. The exact tasks allocated to the RA will depend on the qualifications of the interns the project seeks to recruit, but will be selected from the following core tasks:

1. Data collection and adaptation
2. Development of short case studies based on secondary literature as background material for sections of the book
3. Statistical analysis of data
4. Literature reviews of selected substantive/theoretical topics
5. Development of illustrations (maps, statistical or data-based graphs, visual summaries)
6. Editing of text and bibliographies
7. Development of web page material

**Qualifications and required skills**

Since the tasks of the project are diverse and may be distributed across at least two individuals working in parallel, applicants do not need to be proficient in all the desired skills. Technical skills such as knowledge of statistical methods, as well as of Stata, R, GIS software, and latex will be particularly important for the RA, however.

* MA in peace and conflict research or related field
* Knowledge of Stata, R, and/or latex
* Acquaintance with GIS software
* Excellent proficiency in English (reading, writing)
* Experience with writing concise and informative literature reviews, with high standards for detailed documentation and attribution of sources

In addition, general skills such as attention to detail and exactness, analytical and problem-solving skills, and good interpersonal abilities will be valued when evaluating the application..

**How to apply:** Send a cover letter (no longer than 500 words), your CV, and a pdf copy of your MA thesis to Håvard Hegre, Department of Peace and Conflict Research at email: havard.hegre@pcr.uu.se. Questions regarding the position may be directed to the same email address up to 13 March.