**Internship Announcement**

**The Future of Non-Violent Politics**

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**Period of the internship***:*

We accept applications for internships in either of the two periods listed below and also for internships extending over the entire fall term. Everything equal, we prefer to have the internships in the first of the two periods. The start and end dates are also negotiable. If sufficient interest from students, we will consider accepting more than one intern.

* 1st 10 weeks: w. 35-43; 29 August 2016 -28 October 2016
* 2nd 10 weeks: w. 44-02; 31 October 2016 - 13 January 2016
* 20 weeks, full semester: w.35-02; 29 August 2016 -13 January 2017

**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/>).

**Objective of the internship**

The objective of the internship is to provide a learning opportunity for interested and talented students and to provide research support to this project. The intern will work with Håvard Hegre as PI, the two other authors of the book, Håvard Mokleiv Nygård and Idunn Kristiansen, and a research assistant working with the project.

**Expected tasks**

The book project involves a fairly diverse set of tasks. To the extent possible, these will be distributed between intern(s) and the research assistant according to their competence. Core tasks are:

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. Which qualifications to give priority depend on the set of applicants for the internship(s) and the research assistant (which is recruited in parallel).

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

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) and your CV to Håvard Hegre, Department of Peace and Conflict Research at email: havard.hegre@pcr.uu.se. Questions regarding the internship may be directed to the same email address up to 13 March.