



## **Vacancy: (Senior) Policy Researcher**

Policy Network is looking for a pro-active and experienced policy researcher with demonstrable interest and expertise in economic, social and/or European policy to shape both existing and new research programmes on the future of the European Social Model, political economy, varieties of capitalism and EU governance.

The successful candidate will gain invaluable experience in managing and implementing high-profile research projects, as well as the opportunity to contribute to intellectual debates of critical importance to progressive politics in Britain and other European countries. The role also offers a platform on which to build a network of contacts with a wide-range of senior academic and political stakeholders.

### **About Policy Network**

Policy Network is a leading thinktank and international political network. We seek to promote strategic thinking on progressive solutions to the challenges of the 21st century and the future of social democracy, impacting upon policy debates in the UK, the rest of Europe and the wider world. We organise debates and conduct research on policy and political challenges that present all governments and political parties with urgent dilemmas, either because sustainable solutions remain elusive or because there are political barriers to their implementation. Through a distinctly collaborative and cross-national approach to research, events and publications, we have acquired a reputation as a highly valued platform for perceptive and challenging political analysis, debate and exchange.

### **The Position**

Joining our small but dynamic research team and reporting to the Director, the Policy Researcher plays an important role in shaping and delivering the organisation's high-profile policy projects.

### **Main Responsibilities**

- Lead on the research and management of Policy Network projects on socio-economic and European affairs
- Conceptualise and develop new research programmes relating to questions of how progressive parties and policy-makers should re-think political economy and/or social policy after the financial crisis
- Formulate elaborate research questions; commission research papers and opinion pieces; draft agendas and speaker briefs
- Contribute to the preparation and delivery of events held as part of the programmes
- Write discussion notes, policy briefs and occasional articles

- Contribute, where necessary, to other research projects including on the future of social democracy and progressive governance in Europe
- Provide background research that will help to inform Policy Network's series of high-profile publications
- Develop and maintain key contacts with partner organisations, researchers and other interested parties in the UK and abroad
- Manage and supervise research assistants and interns who support the research programmes

### **Skills and Experience**

- University degree qualified, preferably in social or economic science or similar directly related academic qualification. Postgraduate degree(s) and/or research qualification is an advantage
- At least 2-4 years work experience in academia, think tanks, NGOs, politics, governmental and European institutions or similar related area.
- Proven experience of writing and/or editing policy papers
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Confidence and flexibility to work in a dynamic international research environment
- Very good understanding of UK, European and international politics. The candidate should be committed to the principles of centre-left politics

**Salary:** Between £27,000 and £34,000 depending on qualification and experience

**Contract:** 2-year fixed contract, renewable. 25 days annual leave. The package includes a contribution towards a personal pension plan

**Hours:** This is a full time post, based in Westminster, London

### **Application details**

Applications should include a CV and a one page covering letter and should be sent to Alex Pretti [apretti@policy-network.net](mailto:apretti@policy-network.net)

**Closing date:** 5pm – 23 January 2012

**Interviews:** 26 and 27 January 2012

**Expected start date:** 1 March 2012

For further information about Policy Network, please visit [www.policy-network.net](http://www.policy-network.net). If you have any further questions with regard to this vacancy, please call +44 (0)207 340 2200.

Please note that due to the high volume of applications, only short-listed candidates will be notified.