

**ANNOUNCEMENT – PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO SUITABLE APPLICANTS**



## **Research and Teaching Assistants Job Vacancies 2004-2005**

The following vacancies for research and teaching assistant posts are available to help with projects for Professor Pippa Norris at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Fuller details are available from: [www.pippanorris.com](http://www.pippanorris.com). The research assistant vacancies will be filled at the recommended Harvard rate, to be negotiated depending upon skills and experience, which is \$8.10-\$10.55 for Undergraduates and \$8.10-\$15.20 for Graduate students. The teaching fellow will be paid at the FAS standard rate. Applicants will be informed of a decision by email within two weeks after the deadline closes.

*Project A: New book: Radical Right: Parties and Electoral Competition ~ Summer 2004*

*Project B: Women's representation in the Middle East: Evaluating positive action strategies ~ Fall 2004*

*Project C: Gov-20 Introduction to Comparative Politics. ~ Fall 2004*

*Project D: British Parliamentary Constituency Database 1992-2005 ~ Summer 2005*

If you are a Harvard student interested in applying for any of the posts please send a brief c.v. and covering letter outlining your suitability for the posts to Pippa Norris' faculty assistant, Margaret Brooke, ([Margaret.Brooke@Harvard.edu](mailto:Margaret.Brooke@Harvard.edu)). Your letter should clearly identify:

- (i) (If a US citizen) whether you qualify officially for the Federal Work Study Program,
- (ii) (If an international student) whether you have the necessary work visa.
- (iii) Which position (s) you are seeking and why you are suitable for the appointment,
- (iv) The number of hours, weeks, or dates that you would ideally like to work,
- (v) The names of two Harvard faculty who can supply academic references, and
- (vi) Your email contact address.

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### **Project A:**

**Title:** *New book: Radical Right: Parties and Electoral Competition*

**Period:** (flexible) May-September 2004

**Hours:** (flexible – to be negotiated) Part-time 10-15 hours per week

**Vacant Posts:** Two research assistants, ideally with French or German language skills

**Deadline for application:** 1<sup>st</sup> June 2004 or until the positions are filled

**Project description:** Research for a new book under development comparing the rise of radical right parties, such as Haider's FPÖ, Le Pen's Front National, and New Zealand First, covering almost forty nations. The manuscript is due for delivery to Cambridge University Press in November 2004.

**Job description:** Two research assistants are required to help collect materials for the book involving: (i) a detailed and comprehensive literature review (using the Social Science Citation Index, identifying suitable articles, downloading abstracts and copies, integrating them into the

bibliography); (ii) identifying cross-national data on rates of asylum seekers and refugees and entering the data into an Excel or SPSS dataset; (iii) identifying and checking election results since 1945 and entering the data into an Excel or SPSS dataset; (iv) developing materials for the case study chapters focused on the radical right in France, Austria and the United States; (v) some content analysis of major media outlets in the French and Austrian press.

Given the multiple tasks, different skills will be required, depending upon the applicant. Ideally linguistic skills in French or German would be an advantage, along with some statistical familiarity, Cambridge location over summer, and a willingness to work flexibly as tasks develop. The work, which is open to Harvard undergraduates or graduates, involves potential employment from now until the end of August 2004. The case study would be available to you for subsequent research, such as a PAE.

**Further details** are available at:

<http://ksghome.harvard.edu/~.pnorris.shorenstein.ksg/Books/Radical%20Right.htm>

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### **Project B:**

**Title:** *Women's representation in the Middle East: Evaluating positive action strategies*

**Period:** (fixed) 1<sup>st</sup> October 2004 – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2005.

**Hours:** Part-time 15-20 hours per week.

**Vacant Posts:** Seven research assistants, ideally with expertise in the Middle East

**Deadline for application:** 20<sup>th</sup> September 2004

**Project description:** This study will focus upon six selected case-studies examining how reserved seats for women work in Jordan, Bangladesh, Morocco, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

**Job description:** Six graduate research assistants will be employed for four months, each responsible for one country case, and one research assistant will also be employed as the assistant project manager coordinating the work. The job description is to conduct a comprehensive literature review; to collect primary materials and to write up materials for each election; and to arrange and conduct 30-minute semi-structured telephone interviews with selected regional experts and scholars, journalists, political leaders, women politicians and NGO representatives drawn from each country. Graduate students from Harvard will be selected for this position based on background experience, language, research, writing and interviewing skills, and familiarity with the region. Students for the MPA/ID program and WAPPP would be ideal but others are also welcome to apply. The case studies would be available to you for subsequent research, such as a PAE.

The appointment will be for four months part-time work (15-20 hours per week) from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2004 to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2005.

The project is funded by the Kuwait Program Research Fund Middle East Initiative.

**Further details** can be found at:

<http://ksghome.harvard.edu/~.pnorris.shorenstein.ksg/Main%20Pages/What's%20New.htm>

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### **Project C:**

**Title:** *Gov-20 Introduction to Comparative Politics.*

**Period:** (fixed) Fall semester Classes 20 September 2004 to 22 December 2004, Examination period and final evaluation 15-25<sup>th</sup> January 2005

**Hours:** Part-time 4-10 hours per week

**Vacant Post:** One teaching fellow, ideally with familiarity with comparative politics

**Deadline for applications:** 1<sup>st</sup> June 2004

**Class description:** The Gov-20 class is the basic introduction to comparative politics offered to undergraduates at Harvard, especially those in the Government Department in FAS.

**Job description:** In total there will be two teaching fellows appointed for Gov-20 and one head teaching fellow coordinating the class administration. The job of the TFs involves being responsible for one or two sections of the class (depending upon size of the total enrollment), meeting with each section for a one hour seminar per week, managing and leading the discussion in each section, attending the class lectures, maintaining class records, marking the assignments, and providing students with help and guidance throughout the semester. Each section will contain about 15 students. The TF will need to be in Cambridge full-time throughout the FAS semester with some flexibility around the examination period in January.

**Further details:** See the 2002 syllabus (under revision) at:

<http://ksghome.harvard.edu/~pnorris.shorenstein.ksg/Classes/Teaching.htm>

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### **Project D:**

**Title:** *The British Parliamentary Constituency Database 1992-2005*

**Period:** (depending upon the date of the next British general election) Four weeks, probably during May-June 2005

**Hours:** Full time 35 hours per week

**Vacant Post:** One research and editorial assistant

**Deadline for applications:** 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005

**Project description:** The British Parliamentary Constituency Database 1992-2001 is the standard reference source with information about all the candidates (names, gender, and ethnicity), the election results (the votes cast in each seat), and the Census demographic data on all 633 British constituencies. The database needs updating with the results of the next British general election (expected in May-June 2005) as well as some new Census data. There will also be some editing work for a special issue of *Parliamentary Affairs* on the election, which will also be published as a new book, *Britain Votes 2005*, to be published by Oxford University Press. The book will be co-edited by Pippa Norris and Chris Wlezian, Nuffield College, Oxford.

**Job description:** The primary job will be data-entry of the election results for 633 British constituencies. The work will be highly intensive in the two weeks before and after the general election results are published. It will require ability to work under pressure, familiarity with either Excel or SPSS, and great accuracy with the data entered, cleaned, double-checked, and released to colleagues one week after polling day. Subsequent work will involve communicating with authors, copyediting manuscripts, and preparing them for delivery to the publisher. Interest in British elections/politics and some familiarity with British electoral geography would be an advantage, although not essential. The dataset would be available to you for subsequent research, such as a PAE.

The research is supported financially by the Hansard Society, an independent, non-partisan educational charity, which exists to promote effective parliamentary democracy.

For further details see the 1992-2001 version of the dataset available here:

<http://ksghome.harvard.edu/~pnorris.shorenstein.ksg/Data/Data.htm>

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