



CENTRE FOR  
**DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY  
AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

Position Title	Research Associate
URC	Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis
Appointment Level	Academic Level A/B
Contract	Fixed Term position till 31st June 2019, with the possibility of up to one-year extension
Salary Range	\$67,110 - \$90,702+ 17% Super
Reporting to	Simon Niemeyer

**PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance (the Centre) was awarded an Australian Research Council Discovery Research Grant for the project **A Metastudy of Democratic Deliberation** (DP180103014) and is seeking staff to join the research team.

The project aims to develop a leading-edge understanding of political deliberation by synthesising results from available empirical studies. This is the first comprehensive, theoretically-grounded account of defensible claims about democratic deliberation, twenty years since 'deliberative turn' in democratic theory. The project aims to develop conceptual clarity in democratic theory, reconcile conflicting claims regarding deliberation and enhance future research capacity, by building a repository for research findings.

One line of inquiry focuses on environmental governance, testing how well-placed the field is to meet the challenge of deliberative democratisation in the Anthropocene. The project will also establish best practice design for the implementation and institutionalisation of deliberative principles.

A detailed description of the project can be found at [www.delibdem.org](http://www.delibdem.org)

Dr Simon Niemeyer, Professor John Dryzek and Dr Nicole Curato are the project's chief investigators. Professor André Bächtiger (University of Stuttgart) and Professor Mark Warren (University of British Columbia) are also part of the team.

## THE POSITION

The project is hiring a Research Associate whose main task is to gather and organise case data that investigators will use for qualitative content analysis and advanced quantitative analysis.

Specific duties include:

- Collection of research data from case studies
- Database management
- Basic qualitative content analysis
- Data preparation for quantitative analysis
- Project management, including coordinating with partner organisations such as Participedia

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The candidate must have:

- An undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline required by the time of commencement of the position
- Interest in democratic theory and empirical political studies
- Competent oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrate initiative, problem solving skills and ability to manage and complete diverse tasks
- Demonstrated ability to achieve goals while working with under limited supervision
- Demonstrated understanding of, and commitment to implementation of equity and workplace health and safety principles
- Skills in data management and analysis will be an advantage, but not essential
- **Graduate students planning to pursue a PhD or have recently completed a PhD are encouraged to apply. International candidates are encouraged to apply.**

## ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY & GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

The Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance is the world-leading research centre in the field of deliberative democracy.

Over the past decade, the Centre has hosted over 50 visiting scholars from all over the world, produced 15 PhDs, published 12 books and over 100 journal articles, hosted eight international conferences and received ten large research grants and fellowships.

The Centre conducts interdisciplinary research, with specialisation in the fields of democratisation, democratic innovations, and environmental governance. It is home to scholars conducting qualitative and quantitative research, as well as political theory and empirical political studies.

Originally established at the Australian National University, the Centre moved to the Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis (IGPA) at the University of Canberra in February 2014, joining Australia's largest concentration of scholars specializing in citizen-centric governance. IGPA prides itself on being a values-driven organisation committed to generating research and professional development which speaks truth to power.

For more information, visit [deldem.canberra.edu.au](http://deldem.canberra.edu.au) or follow us on Twitter @DelDemUCan

## **WORKING RIGHTS**

Applications outside Australia are welcome, but will need to acquire a valid work permit

## **HOW TO APPLY**

To be considered for this position your application must include a cover letter, your resume and a statement addressing the selection criteria provided in the position description briefly outlining your skills and experience that will add value to this role.

Please visit this link to lodge your application

<http://uctalent.canberra.edu.au/cw/en/job/492453/research-associate>

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

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