

The Professor Sir Richard Trainor PhD Scholarships 2017-18

Project Title: British public opinion and attitudes towards European integration

King's is now inviting applications for one of the Professor Sir Richard Trainor PhD Scholarships in the Department of Political Economy. The scholarship will commence from October 2017 onwards and is open to new incoming PhD students only.

Project Description:

This PhD would be a comprehensive longitudinal analysis and review of British public opinion at key stages of the European integration process. It would focus on the period between 1974, the year after the United Kingdom became a member of the European Economic Community and when the first Eurobarometer poll was carried out, and 2016, when a referendum resulted in the British electorate voting to leave the European Union.

Focusing largely on analysing data from Eurobarometer – public opinion surveys carried out on behalf of the European Commission – the PhD would make an important contribution to understanding the development of attitudes towards institutional changes in the EEC/EC/EU, its enlargement and the competences it possessed.

The project would compare public opinion with the actions and policies adopted by the Government and political parties in Britain, as well as media coverage related to Europe. Oral history would be used to help explore these relationships.

Additionally, when appropriate British public opinion would be compared to that elsewhere in Europe. This will enable an understanding of the extent to which British attitudes differed to those in other member states, and whether any differences reflected the diverging approaches towards European integration taken by British and other European Governments.

This is an inter-disciplinary PhD that will utilise historical and political science methodologies (including statistical and quantitative analysis), to understand a complex question.

In the 2014 REF, Politics and International Studies at King's was rated 1st for power. The Department of Political Economy is a research-led department with a strong reputation for contribution to scholarship, teaching and practice. The Department is located on the Strand Campus of King's College London where the studentship will be based.

Supervisors:

Lead Supervisor: Dr Michael Kandiah

Second Supervisors: Prof Roger Mortimore

Application documentation: applicants must complete and submit:

- a CV
- personal statement explaining why they would be suitable
- a sample of relevant writing such as a Master's dissertation or a published journal article.

to graduateschool@kcl.ac.uk by 11:59pm (UK BST) on 7 May 2017. The subject line of the email should read 'RT Scholarship 1718 – [*include the relevant project title*]'

All documents should be submitted as a single pdf.

Two academic references **must** be received by the deadline for the application to be eligible. Candidates are responsible for instructing referees to submit their references to graduateschool@kcl.ac.uk using the subject line 'RT Scholarship 1718 – [*name of applicant*]'.

Selection: Please note that as part of selection, short-listed candidates will be invited for interview but expenses will not be paid.

Funding Details: The scholarship will provide an annual payment of £15,000 which can be used to cover tuition fees and/or living costs.

Length of Award: 3 years (PhD)
