Fully-funded PhD studentship opportunity at Sheffield University Management School

PhD Project: The emergence of enterprise and organisation across or within different cultural and institutional settings.

Research Cluster: International Enterprise: Business & Society

This newly formed research cluster is particularly concerned with exploring changing enterprise and organisational forms across divergent institutional settings.

Project Description:

This studentship is located within the research cluster focussed upon ‘International Enterprise, Business and Society’. Emergence is the term used by Padget and Powell (2012) to capture the evolution and emergence of new organisational forms and markets. Organisations and markets are connected by people through networking, a process that enables transformation, permutations and combinations of resources, knowledge and factors through which new organisational forms and ways of organising generate (Padget and Powell, 2012: 2-3). This studentship will be dedicated to exploring different organisational forms, the behaviour of institutional actors, and the transformation of organisation through enterprising activities, in different spaces and in different times.

Suggested projects may include:

1. What is the relationship between emergence and hybrid organisational forms in different cultural and institutional settings: (e.g. Russia, China, Africa)?
2. The emergence of organisation in response to corruption and crisis in organisational decision-making: a cross-national comparison.

Application Process:

Applicants should submit a 1000 word research proposal which directly addresses the theme and/or specific topic to which they are applying. The proposal should contain a brief background to the topic, which demonstrates knowledge of existing work in the field, and potential contributions to knowledge. It should also explain the proposed research methods and include a plan of the research, and a timeline. We are seeking applications from exceptional UK/EU/International students with an outstanding academic record (distinction/high merit or equivalent) as well as a proven record in research training. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis - applications are assessed on the basis of academic success and qualifications, experience, research background, a clear well-articulated research proposal, the potential impact of the research and a good match with supervisor/departmental expertise.
Closing date for applications is 17.00 (UK time) on Friday 13 July. Interviews will be held 
week commencing 6 August 2018

**Proposed Supervision Team:**

The supervisory team may include two of the following academics: Dr David Littlewood, Dr 
Sergej Ljubownikov, Dr Carole Coupler, Dr Junzhe Ji, Dr Martina McGuinness, Professor 
Sumon Bhaumik, Dr Tom Buckley, Dr Vasilios Theoharakis and Dr Alex Wright. The selection 
of supervisors would depend on which project(s) is pursued and staff availability.

**Funding Notes:**

This scholarship is offered on a full-time basis for three years from September 2018 subject 
to satisfactory progress. It will provide a tax free bursary of £14,777 and cover the University 
tuition fees for UK/EU/international students