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Research Support Staff, Barcelona - THINKClima project

Job description

We are seeking a research support staff for coding and data mining purposes in German and English. He/she will work under the supervision of THINKClima coordinator to pursue the purposes of the Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI) and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funded research project called "Climate change, denialism and advocacy communication. Discourse and strategies of think tanks in Europe" (THINKClima).

Project information:

THINKClima aims to analyse whether a consistent discourse of climate change denialism or scepticism exists among think tanks in Europe and, if so, identify its disseminators, the discourse and its impact. This topic, widely studied in the United States, is under-researched in Europe with regard to both think tanks in general and climate change in particular. This project aims to investigate the universe of environmental think tanks addressing climate change issues in Europe in order to study their structure, strategies, discourse and discursive coalitions and thereby identify the main related narratives they employ, the reasons supporting those narratives and their impact. This is designed to (1) contribute to the awareness of those obstacles that prevent humanity from reacting to environmental issues; (2) expand our understanding of think tanks, organizations devoted to providing knowledge to society with the aim of influencing it; and (3) provide an ethical reflection on the role of communication and influence regarding climate change in Europe.

Project and Institution that finance the contract

The work is supported by Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI) and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)-TRANSGANG

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Information on the minimum requirements

- Degree in Communication (Masters in communication preferable)
- Native German and excellent level of English
- Experience in think tanks working
- Experience and/or training in environment, sustainability, climate change

Benefits of the opening

The candidate will receive a UPF part-time contract (15hs) for two months.
Starting date: November 2018.

Information on the application process

Interested candidates are encouraged to contact with the Principal Investigator of this project, Ph. D. Núria Almiron. To apply, send a Letter of interest and a CV to: nuria.almiron@upf.edu

Deadline to submit applications: 31 October, 2018

Contact nuria.almiron@upf.edu