

A PhD opportunity, working with me

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As I have reported recently, I am now engaged on two EU funded research projects at [City, University of London](#). These are entitled [Coffers](#) and [Corplink](#). They are separate and have different, but overlapping, goals.

The Corplink project starts on 1 December and last for four years assuming we meet the EU's progress requirements in the meantime. This project provides an opportunity for someone to work with me on the research we will be undertaking. The intention is that the researcher will undertake a PhD during this period with a combination of Professors Ronen Palan, Anastasia Nesvetailova and myself acting as supervisors. City, University of London's research fees would be paid by the project for this researcher. The researcher would have to undertake research on a theme related to the research project as a result. This theme must have an international political economy perspective and is likely to focus on issues related to corporate structuring, corporate reporting, tax avoidance and measures to counteract it including country-by-country reporting, but there will be some flexibility in determining the eventual focus of the researcher's thesis.

In addition to the payment of fees the researcher will be expected to undertake paid research on the Corplink project. There may also be some undergraduate teaching opportunities. Remuneration for both will be at the prevailing rates offered by City, University of London.

Normal criteria for acceptance as a PhD student in the Department of International Politics at City will apply with the exception that a September start date will not be imposed: this post will be open to start at a mutually agreed date, with an emphasis being given to early availability. The [standard terms are noted here](#).

Expressions of interest (maximum three pages) supported by a CV and details of referees, who will not be approached in the first instance, can be sent to me at my City email address, which is richard.murphy[at]city.ac.uk.
