

**CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, NEW DELHI &
DICKSON POON SCHOOL OF LAW, KING'S COLLEGE LONDON**

The Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS) in collaboration with the Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London (KCL) invites applications for a Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) for a European Research Council funded project titled the Laws of Social Reproduction. The project offers a cutting-edge, inter-disciplinary lens to re-theorise the normative, empirical, regulatory and policy dimensions of the law's regulation of social reproduction across five sectors of women's labour. The project broadly conceptualises female reproductive labour to include unpaid domestic work as well as sex work, erotic dancing, commercial surrogacy and paid domestic work. Placing varied forms of reproductive labour along the market-marriage continuum, the proposed project offers four main work packages: (1) Normative: Articulate a feminist legal theory of reproductive labour and a distributional analysis of the laws of social reproduction (2) Empirical: Consolidate and supplement through new empirical research the study of the political economies and legal ethnographies of sex work, erotic dancing, commercial surrogacy, paid and unpaid domestic work to improve women's economic bargaining power (3) Regulatory/Policy: Catalogue for any chosen sector, innovative economic models, legal and governance tools and policy proposals to enhance women's economic bargaining power and (4) Political Impact: Shift political sensibilities by dissolving discursive and policy silos between these sectors.

The project has one PDF position based at CWDS, Delhi focused on the surrogacy sector. The position is for a period of 2.5 years (full time) with a monthly fellowship stipend of Rs. 1,00,000. The candidate will be located at CWDS but will work closely with the Principal Investigator, Professor Prabha Kotiswaran, Dickson Poon School of Law, Kings College London.

Role Description

The Post-Doctoral Fellow's main responsibilities are to conduct a literature review on the surrogacy sector, conduct qualitative research in India, analyse the field work data using suitable software, organise a major national level workshop involving numerous stakeholders including academics, activists and policy-makers, publish academic outputs and disseminate the research findings of the project.

Education / qualification and training

PhD awarded or PhD near completion in sociology, anthropology, economics, political science, geography or law. Please note that this is a PhD level role but candidates who have submitted their thesis and are awaiting award of their PhDs will be considered. Should the successful candidate be awaiting the award of their PhD, the appointment will be temporary until confirmation of the award of the PhD has been received.

Knowledge / skills and Experience

Applicants will be assessed for satisfying the following essential criteria: 1. The ability to appreciate inter-disciplinary research; 2. For academic expertise in law, gender and feminism 3. For good knowledge of written and spoken English 4. For experience in conducting field research, conducting semi-structured interviews, analysing qualitative data using suitable software and managing a data-intensive project 5. For writing to academic publication

standard 6. The ability to be a strong team player. Advanced knowledge or training in Indian law, and prior field work on surrogacy are desirable.

Applying for the post

To apply, please send the following documents by email to: SocRepCWDS@gmail.com. You may also send the application by post to the Director, CWDS, New Delhi although applications by email are preferred. Please attach/enclose: 1. A detailed C.V. 2. All the supporting documents for your educational and professional experience and achievements 3. A personal statement to tell us why you are suitable for the role 4. Two professional references and 5. A writing sample relevant to the themes of the research project.

For any informal discussion or to find out more about the role please contact: Professor Prabha Kotiswaran, prabha.kotiswaran@kcl.ac.uk and Professor Neetha N., neetha@cwds.ac.in

Closing date: Midnight, March 25, 2020

Interview date scheduled for: April 6, 2020