Research Associate – Political Theory of AI

Location: IIIT Delhi
Employment Type: Full-time, **3 months (starting April 1, 2024), with the possibility of extension**
Salary: ₹37,000 per month

About Us

IIIT Delhi is a premier research institution that explores the evolving relationship between **technology, society, and governance**. We seek a highly motivated Research Associate to contribute to critical discussions on the political theory of AI, focusing on governance, regulation, and ethics.

This role provides an exciting opportunity to engage in **interdisciplinary research** at the intersection of **political theory, policy analysis, and AI ethics**. With the main objective of contributing to developing a political theory understanding of AI, the project aims to study the discourse on how AI technologies impact democratic institutions and governance structures.

This research is enabled by a seed grant from the Infosys Centre of Artificial Intelligence, IIITD, and a project grant from the ICSSR.

Role Overview

As a **Research Associate specializing in the political theory of AI**, you will conduct in-depth research on **AI governance, regulatory frameworks, and the ethical dimensions of AI deployment**. Your work will contribute to scholarly research and policy recommendations for **governments, industry stakeholders, and civil society**.

Key Responsibilities

- **Research & Analysis** – Conduct critical research on **political theories of AI governance, regulatory frameworks, and ethical challenges**.

- **Literature Review** – Analyze **academic and policy literature**, identifying gaps in existing discussions on AI governance.
- **Policy & Legal Assessment** – Evaluate AI-related **policies, legislation, and governance models** at national and global levels, focusing on their implications for democracy and social structures.
- **Ethical & Philosophical Inquiry** – Examine AI through the lens of **justice, fairness, accountability, transparency, and fundamental rights**.
- **Collaboration & Interdisciplinary Engagement** – Work closely with **legal experts, technologists, and social scientists** to develop a well-rounded understanding of AI's impact on governance and political systems.

Who Should Apply?

We are looking for candidates with:

- **A postgraduate or equivalent advanced degree** in **Political Science, Political Theory, Public Policy, Philosophy, or a related field**.
- **Strong research and analytical skills**, with the ability to critically assess **policy documents, academic literature, and legal texts**
- **Expertise in political theory and public policy**, with a focus on **technology ethics, digital governance, or AI regulation**.
- **Excellent written and verbal communication skills** to articulate complex ideas to academic, policy, and public audiences.
- **Experience in interdisciplinary research or collaboration** on **policy, technology, or legal studies** is a plus.

What We Offer

✨ **A dynamic research environment** at a leading institute.
✨ **Opportunity to think together and contribute to emerging debates** on AI, governance, and democracy.
✨ **Potential for contract extension**, depending on research progress and funding availability.

How to Apply

We encourage you to apply if you are passionate about political theory, AI governance, and the intersection of technology and political theory. **Please send your CV, cover letter, and relevant work samples** to **rubina@iiitd.ac.in** **with mentioning subject line in email - "Application for the position of RA-Political Theory of AI"** .

📢 **Application Deadline:** [27 March 2025]

IIIT Delhi is committed to fostering a **diverse and inclusive** research environment. We welcome applications from **all qualified candidates**.