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Centre for Chinese Studies

Research Analyst Position

The Centre for Chinese Studies (CCS) is devoted to the study of China in Sub-Saharan Africa. Chinese Africa policies require methodologically sound empirical research, a clear understanding of inner-Chinese dynamics, and benefit from a comparative perspective. The CCS is working on the political, economic and environmental aspects of Sino-African relations.

We seek to strengthen our research team with a Research Analyst.

This is a contract position which is subject to external funding.

Research Analysts at the Centre for Chinese Studies are responsible for planning and conducting research projects that the Centre undertakes within our three research strands. Analysts also assist with the day to day activities of the Centre, including meetings with visiting scholars and academics; events organisation; interacting with the media and the public; and the preparation of the Centre's proprietary publications. Analysts work closely in a team, including the Director, the Administrator, and the Research Assistants.

Requirements:

Applicants should:

- Have a completed Masters degree in the social sciences (Economics, Political Sciences, Sociology, Law, International Relations, Journalism, Anthropology, etc.).
- Have strong writing and research skills, with a strong interest in China and China-Africa relations, and the ability to plan and conduct independent research.
- Be diligent and reliable in their work, with effective time- and task management skills.
- (Basic) Mandarin language skills will be an asset in the application, as will proficiency in French, Portuguese or an African language.

Applications:

A cover letter with full curriculum vitae including all academic qualifications and contactable references must be submitted to Dr. Sven Grimm, Centre for Chinese Studies, PO Box 3538, Matieland, 7602 South Africa, or by e-mail to sgrimm@sun.ac.za.

Closing date for applications: **28 February 2011**

Interviews will be conducted in March 2012. The CCS reserves the right not to make an appointment.



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