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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: SENIOR CONSULTANT (RESEARCH)- 'MAPPING TORTURE' PROJECT**

**Position:** National Law University, Delhi (“University”) through Project 39A is seeking to engage on a contractual basis, **one (1) Senior Consultant (Research)** for its Project on Mapping Torture. The Senior Consultant (Research) will be responsible for designing and implementing the project along with other research and allied tasks.

**About Project 39A:** Project 39A draws inspiration from Article 39-A in the Indian Constitution on equal justice and signals the broadening of our work on the criminal justice system in India. We undertake litigation, research and outreach relating to forensics, torture, legal aid, forensic psychiatry and death penalty (for more information on Project 39A, visit [www.project39a.com](http://www.project39a.com)).

Project 39A is headed by the Executive Director, Dr. Anup Surendranath (Assistant Professor of Law, National Law University Delhi) and has 20 full-time Research Associates/ Consultants involved in litigation, mitigation, research as well as communications and public outreach.

**About the project on mapping torture:** The project aims to move towards the elimination of custodial torture by carrying out empirical and qualitative research. The project is interested in unravelling the nature of custodial violence and in developing accountability frameworks. Custodial violence in investigative processes lies within a complex web of police, judicial and executive failures that leads to collection and reliance on botched or faulty evidence, affecting the strength of convictions as well. The project intends to rely on interviews with prisoners, former police officers, prison officials, persons who have been acquitted and other stakeholders, as a method of documenting narratives and collecting data.

**Responsibilities:**

- A. Contribute to developing the framework, methodology of the research project and implement the fieldwork.
- B. Undertake fieldwork for the purposes of the project, including observing trials, interviewing prisoners, police personnel and other stakeholders.
- C. Engage with various central and state agencies involved in the administration of the criminal justice system in India.
- D. Collate, analyse and publish findings of the fieldwork.
- E. Present the work of Project 39A at appropriate fora.
- F. Participate in and contribute to the overall research and public communication efforts at Project 39A.
- G. Undertake administrative or any other work that may be necessary to further the aims of Project 39A.

**Qualifications:**

- A. Post- graduate degree in law or a social science discipline.
- B. At least ten years of experience in research/ training on issues related to the criminal justice system is mandatory.
- C. Apart from English, proficiency in at least one Indian language is mandatory.

**Compensation:** Remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be as per prevalent standards.

**Application Process:** Interested persons may send their résumé and a brief statement outlining the likely contributions to our work. The statement of purpose must not exceed 750 words. The résumé and statement of purpose must be emailed to [p39arecruitment@nludelhi.ac.in](mailto:p39arecruitment@nludelhi.ac.in). **The subject of the email should be “Project 39A - Application for Senior Consultant (Research) - Torture Mapping Project.”**

**Deadline:** Applications must reach us no later than midnight of February 8, 2021. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Shortlisted candidates shall be informed about the next round in the selection process via email.

**Note:**

1. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted via email. If you do not hear from us within 4 weeks after the deadline, please assume that your application has not succeeded. Unfortunately, we cannot reply to individual queries about the status of applications.
2. National Law University, Delhi is an equal opportunity employer and P39A ensures access to legal representation for prisoners regardless of the offence.
3. National Law University, Delhi reserves the right to not fill the position or vary the number of positions vacant for this call. Also, we shall be unable to cover the costs of attending interviews.
4. National Law University, Delhi reserves the right to conduct additional rounds of interviews or written tests.
5. The position shall be paid under the grants received by Project 39A, National Law University, Delhi.