Application for undergraduate research assistantship (to be completed by academic)

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Outline of research project
Briefly describe the research project that the UGRA will be involved in. What is the expected output? Who is the funding body? Please refer to points 1-3 in the ‘Guidance for academics’ (below). Maximum 300 words

The UGRA will be involved in a book project on "Great Powers, Climate Change and Global Environmental Responsibilities" that Barry Buzan and I started last year. The book project is the first of its kind to examine the role that great powers play in the field of global environmental politics and connects IR literatures on power asymmetry, great powers and great power responsibility with GEP scholarship. The project started in 2018 with a workshop at LSE (funded by IRD and GRI), at which the first papers were presented, and has since expanded to include ca 12 contributions from leading scholars in IR and GEP (e.g. Eckersley, Hochstetler, Scott, Park, Vandeveer, Boersma), with individual chapters examining key environmental powers (US, EU, China, India, Brazil, Russia) and issue areas (coal politics, climate negotiations, security, international institutions). These contributions are in various stages of completion and most still need to be revised. A first selection of papers was under review with Oxford University Press earlier this year, and we are currently revising the framing chapter and other contributions in response to the reviewer's report. The final version of the volume is to be submitted to OUP in early 2020 for final review. The UBRA will play a key role in supporting the production of publication-ready manuscript to the publisher, most likely during the summer of 2020.

What will the UGRA be expected to do?
Please read points 4-10 the ‘Guidance for academics’ (below) and show how you will address these aspects. Maximum 300 words

The UGRA will be working closely with the editors, Robert Falkner and Barry Buzan, in bringing the book project to completion. The role involves providing research assistance and support with regard to the revisions of individual chapters, the compilation of a single list of references, proof reading and formatting of the volume, checking and updating of empirical information mainly re climate change and global environmental politics, and background research and literature searches on the volume's conceptual framework. The lead academic (Robert Falkner) will provide close guidance to the UGRA throughout the project, and the UGRA and Robert Falkner will meet regularly at LSE or via Skype to discuss individual RA tasks. Some of the above tasks will be ongoing throughout the duration of the project.
internship and can be carried out flexibly (e.g. background research and fact checking, compilation of reference list), others will occur only at certain times when deadlines have to be met (e.g. formatting, proof reading). However, the expectation is that most work hours can be arranged flexibly to fit in with the UGRA’s studies.

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**Declaration**

I have read the ‘Guidance for academics’ and the ‘Undergraduate Research Assistant outline document’ and confirm that I am aware of my role and responsibilities.

Signed: Robert Falkner (electronic signature)  
Date: 9 October 2019

**Approval**

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Guidance for academics

Undergraduate Research Assistant (UGRA) awards are limited to second and third year undergraduate students currently registered in the Department of International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) (including joint honours students).

1. The research project should be well-thought out and able to support appropriate undergraduate research.

2. The project should have a clear goal.

3. The supervisor must ensure that ethical approval is in place before the work begins.

4. The project should support the UGRA in the development of their critical thinking.

5. The UGRA should be able to produce a tangible output of their work.

6. There should be support in the understanding of relevant research methodologies

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7. There should be clear mechanisms for keeping UGRAs up-to-date with their progress.

8. UGRAs should not be expected to undertake more than 25 hours activity per week.

9. The supervisor will be responsible for the conduct of the work.

10. UGRAs are expected to make a time commitment of up to 100 hours, although it is recognised, as in all research, that flexibility will be required in the context of specific projects.