Position Details:

The History, Classics and Archaeology Department at Birkbeck, University of London is pleased to announce a fully funded three-year post-doctoral fellowship to work on a project that falls within the scope of Daniel Pick's Wellcome Trust senior investigator award, ‘Hidden Persuaders? Brainwashing, Culture, Clinical Knowledge and the Cold War Human Sciences, c. 1950-1990’.

http://www.bbk.ac.uk/hiddenpersuaders/

The new post-doctoral fellow will work closely with the Hidden Persuaders team to produce original research, organize academic conferences and public events, and also assist with various other outputs in the form of edited volumes, film, web resources and more. The post-doc will join our growing network of historians and practitioners of psychoanalysis, psychiatry and psychology, and should focus his/her research contributions on one or more distinct strands of the Hidden Persuaders project, described here: http://www.bbk.ac.uk/hiddenpersuaders/research/

We would welcome applications from academics with prior knowledge of the history of psychoanalysis, psychiatry and/or psychology. Some previous familiarity with post-war political and/or cultural history would also be an asset. A working knowledge of one or more European languages other than English, e.g., Russian, German, Spanish or French would be useful, as would facility in one or more Asian languages (Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Khmer or Malay). The ability and willingness of the appointee to travel and work for several weeks at a stretch in overseas archives (as required) is essential, as part of the post-doctoral fellow’s task will be to gather and analyze data on perceptions and use of psychological warfare and indoctrination in various Cold War campaigns overseas.

The closing date for completed applications is midnight on Wednesday 13 April 2016.

Interviews will be held on Thursday 28 April 2016.

For further information, please consult the job announcement on Birkbeck’s website: https://www15.i-grasp.com/fe/tpl_birkbeckcollege01.asp?newms=jj&id=60016