

ARABIC ANALYST, DIGITAL RESEARCH UNIT

- **Organisation:** Institute for Strategic Dialogue
- **Location:** Remote
- **Type of Contract:** Three-month consultancy contract
- **Salary:** £ 8,000 – £12,000, dependent on experience
- **Start Date:** December 2020

About ISD

ISD is a global counter-extremism organisation dedicated to powering solutions to extremism and polarisation. For over 10 years, we have responded to the rising challenge of extremist movements and the ideologies that underpin them, delivering cutting-edge programmes built from world-leading expertise in communications and technology, grassroots networks, knowledge and research, and policy advice. As a non-profit organisation with teams in London, Washington D.C., Toronto, Beirut and Nairobi, ISD enjoys strategic partnerships with the world's leading technology companies and supports more than a dozen prominent governments and institutions in stemming the rise of violent extremism, disinformation and hate speech.

Positions available

ISD is seeking to recruit an Arabic-fluent Analyst with a specialism in Islamist extremism. With a series of exciting global projects in the pipeline, ISD is looking to recruit the brightest minds to support and grow its online extremism research.

We are looking to recruit a digitally adept analyst with a deep understanding of the ideological underpinnings of Islamism, as well demonstrable experience working in the fields of quantitative or qualitative extremism research. Candidates must have fluency in Arabic and experience undertaking digital analysis in this language. Additional languages, as well as experience working across different forms of extremism, disinformation or hate speech would be an additional advantage for this role.

The successful candidate will play a key role in delivering digital research projects focused on issues of extremism, polarisation and hate speech in the MENA region. ISD welcomes applications from individuals with a proven interest in designing systems and tools to understand and interpret digital communications at scale and to start to map the real-world impact of extremism online. ISD is seeking applicants who demonstrate expertise in OSINT and/or social media analytics.

What you will bring to ISD

ISD is a dynamic and fast-paced work environment. The projects on which successful candidates would work require both technical and interpersonal skills. The key skill sets that we are looking for in candidates are:

- Three to five years' subject matter experience in analysing Islamist extremism in both its violent and non-violent manifestations;
- Deep knowledge of the ideological and/or theological landscape of contemporary Islamic movements;
- Fluency in Arabic, either dialect or Modern Standard, and experience in analysing Arabic-language content online;
- First class analytical skills, focused on digital analytics or open source intelligence;
- Strong writing and communication skills;
- Expertise in OSINT and/or social media analytics.
- Masters level qualification – or equivalent relevant experience – in a relevant discipline (such as political science, international relations or religious studies);
- The ability to work at speed and manage a number of priorities;
- The confidence to work independently as well as within a team dispersed across different continents and time zones.
- Experience in pedagogy or module design desired but not required.

Application process

If you would like to apply for a position at ISD, please send a one-page cover letter and up-to-date CV (no more than 2 pages) to vacancies@isdglobal.org by **17:00 UK time on Wednesday 2 December 2020**.

ISD reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted and to request additional information from all applicants as necessary to evaluate applications. Please note that applications will be considered on a rolling basis and ISD reserves the right to appoint before the end of the advertisement.