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## **Postdoctoral Fellowship**

### **Scope of Research:**

The Security and Rights Research Project at the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Stellenbosch University, led by Professor Lindy Heinecken, is offering a unique opportunity for a one-year postdoctoral position in Sociology. This position would support a research project that examines the intersection between new security threats, defence oversights, the Responsibility to Protect (R2P), and the protection of civilians. This project aims to evaluate whether the South African military has the necessary resources, guidance, oversight, and accountability measures to protect civilians under threat. It also examines their handling of issues that endanger vulnerable groups in R2P scenarios, which undermines the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 16, which focuses on promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, access to justice for all, and accountable institutions.

### **Requirements:**

- Applicants must possess a PhD (possessed within the last five years) in Sociology, Political Science, International Relations, or a related field.
- Applicants must be strongly interested in military sociology and security studies, and other related interdisciplinary research domains.
- Applicants must possess exceptional qualitative research and analytical skills.
- Applicants must possess the ability to work independently and efficiently with minimal supervision or oversight.

**Commencement date: 1 July 2024**

**Closing date: 28 June 2024**

**Enquiries: Professor Lindy Heinecken: [lindy@sun.ac.za](mailto:lindy@sun.ac.za)**

Send a letter of application, accompanied by a comprehensive curriculum vitae, including a list of publications, a sample of published work, and the names and contact details of at least two referees, to Prof. Lindy Heinecken: [lindy@sun.ac.za](mailto:lindy@sun.ac.za)



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**(Contact details of the host): [lindy@sun.ac.za](mailto:lindy@sun.ac.za)**

- **Applicants should request their referees to forward confidential reports by the closing date directly to the same address.**
- **Note: Postdoctoral fellows are not appointed as employees and as their fellowships are awarded tax-free, they are not eligible for employee benefits. The University reserves the right NOT to make an appointment if suitable candidates do not apply.**
- **Note: If the contract is for two years, this will be subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory academic progress (annual performance reviews must be held).**