

The University of Aberdeen provides funding for innovative doctoral-level projects from high-calibre applicants on Comparative Statecraft and Constitutional Thought.

Our understanding of legitimate governance in principle and practice has generally been studied through the lens of western paradigms: the United Nations, the nation-state, the separation of church and state, the will of the people. Seeking to break this mould, the Research Project initiative will support contemporary and historical research from across the humanities and social sciences on the comparative study of indigenous understandings of legitimate governance. In particular, we are looking for research proposals on

- (i) The development of indigenous constitutional documents and frameworks;
- (ii) The historical and ethnographic study of systematised modes of statecraft; and
- (iii) The intellectual genealogy and writings of non-western constitutional thinkers.

The studentships are open to all nationalities and will cover home/EU or Overseas fees.

Deadline for applications (for entry October 2013) is 8 March 2013.

