As part of an international research project on developing effective interventions to counter false information in India, the Cambridge Social Decision-Making Lab in the Department of Psychology at the University of Cambridge is seeking a Postdoctoral Research Associate, who will work on a project that enables information literacy and resilience to false information online. Specifically, the candidate will work on the development and testing of a series of instruments aimed at reducing susceptibility to and sharing of false information on social media in India. This research project is funded jointly by Google Jigsaw and the Alfred Landecker Foundation.

This position is available until 30th June 2023 in the first instance, but may be subject to renewal if additional funding is acquired. The post-holder will work with Prof Sander van der Linden and Dr Jon Roozenbeek on measuring the proliferation and influence of false information on platforms such as WhatsApp and Signal, and the development of instruments to measure and potentially reduce susceptibility to false information. Although all are encouraged to apply, the ideal candidate will have knowledge about local languages and/or the media ecosystem in India.

The successful candidate will join the Cambridge Social Decision-Making Lab, led by Prof. Sander van der Linden. The Lab consists of a diverse team of interdisciplinary researchers united by a common interest in basic and translational behavioural science research. There will be opportunities for collaboration with leading national and international researchers, as well as social media companies, NGOs and other stakeholders.

Candidates must have a Ph.D. in psychology or related discipline before the expected start date of August 29, 2023.

Informal enquiries can be made to Professor Sander van der Linden (sander.vanderlinden@psychol.cam.ac.uk) or Dr Jon Roozenbeek (jjr51@cam.ac.uk)

Closing Date: Friday 12th August 2022 at 12 Midnight

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