

PhD Studentships 2025/26

Centre name:

International Centre of Public Accountability (ICOPA)

Title of proposed research topics:

- Performance measurement and impact reporting in non-profit organisations (including government and charities) to explore changes, practice, perceptions and behaviours of the main stakeholders in the field. The research can adopt both qualitative and/or quantitative methods.
- Performance audit in public-sector and non-profit organisations (including government and charities) to explore changes, practice, perceptions and behaviours of the main stakeholders in the field. This can include the use of both qualitative and/or quantitative methods.
- The historical role of audit in the public sector, including its relationship to Parliaments, Government bureaucracies and other stakeholders and the development of audit practices and techniques.
- Accounting, Auditing and Accountability Arrangements in the public sector and/or non-profit sector.
- The payment to governments phenomenon: natural resources governance, tax justice and beyond
- Localised institutional analysis of accounting, accountability and governance within not for profit entities, including but not limited to NGOs and public sector organisations.
- Topics that explore accounting and accountability issues within NGOs and the public housing sector. Topics focused on the extractive sector, housing, and prisons.

Potential supervisors (different supervisors will be available depending on the chosen topics above):

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