



Company Name:	Registry Trust Ltd
Team / Department:	Communications
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Provisional title for project:

Scrutinising Policy: Using Monetary County Court Judgments (CCJs) data to understand the effects of austerity.

Short description of the problem that would be addressed by the project:

Austerity is understood to have had effects on the consumer economy, but its exact ramifications remain unclear. Using geographical and temporal CCJ data, the aftershocks of policy implemented around austerity can be explored. By critically exploring policy through Monetary Judgments, research can subsequently investigate how the content of policy, or speeches announcing them, can drive financial realities for consumers. Combining this with other datasets on the financial lives of the UK's consumers will make it possible to develop a picture of the consequences of austerity through the lens of financial distress.

Short description of the data sources that would be used in the project, and how they would be used.

Registry Trust data on Monetary Judgments for consumers across UK and the Republic of Ireland. UK Government policy, budgets and briefing papers. UK Government policy speeches and addresses. Other external contextual data might include:
Household surveys
Financial lives surveys
Wealth and prosperity surveys

Would any work by the student need to be carried out on site at the Company with the exception of supervisory meetings?

No

Any issues of data confidentiality and IPR that would need to be resolved

Yes

Essential skills

Interest in researching political discourse and economic distress. Ability to tell stories from data

Desirable skills

Knowledge of Tableau or QGIS. Attention to detail. Interest in analysing public economic and social datasets

Preferred degree programmes (if any)

Preferred selection method

Face-to-face interview
If not located near London, telephone or Skype interview is possible.

Support and training offered by the company

Introduction to the data. Training on software used in house. If working out of the office, then one hour meeting at office or telephone call every week. If working in the office, weekly catch-up meeting

Financial assistance offered by the company

The organisation will pay the honorarium (£500)

Travel or other expenses will be incurred and will be reimbursed as appropriate

Any other comments

Students are welcome to work either in our office by Great Portland Street in London or from their University/home location.