Opening for a Research Assistant
with Awa Ambra Seck (Harvard)

The Research Assistant would be working on a project to collect new and detailed data on forced migration and military deployment patterns in colonial Morocco and French West Africa. The tasks performed by the Research Assistant may include geocoding of the place of birth and death of soldiers in the French colonial army, reading bulletins on the military and civil organization of the ex-French colonies, general data cleaning, and (in some cases) developing text parsing tools to extract information about military organization from long-form texts.

The ideal candidate should be pursuing an undergraduate degree (or more) in Economics, History, Computer Science, or a related field. Individuals with other educational backgrounds are also welcomed to apply. Candidates should be interested in African history and culture, proficient at Microsoft Excel and Stata. Familiarity with Python, ArcGIS/QGIS and knowledge of French are both a plus.

Employment can begin immediately. The Research Assistant must be able to commit at least 10 hours per week over at least 2 months. The exact arrangement of hours worked is flexible, as is the location of the work.

The pay that we provide to RA’s is very competitive and depends on previous experience and skills.

If interested, please send your Resume or CV to Awa Ambra Seck (aseck@g.harvard.edu).