**Details on SMI Connect Postdoc Opportunity**

We have funding from the McKnight Estate to co-fund one more postdoctoral position (on top of the one with the Centre for Policy Futures, which we have recruited to, and with QBI, which we are recruiting to), which is about helping us connect with other parts of the University and help strengthen research collaborations and generate new streams of research income. As a reminder, this entails that there are interested academics and a plan for academic and financial sustainability.

We have been in discussions with SMI with regards to a potential Connect position. This has landed with SMI interested in applying to a QUEX grant with Exeter which would fund 50% of a post-doc, with the other 50% funded by the McKnight Estate.

**Flavio**, whom I thank, has shaped up the postdoc project with SMI as follows: “The project would involve mapping the economic value chain associated with some of the critical minerals that will be needed for the energy transition. This would entail a better understanding of the economics of resources definition and recovery (upstream), intermediate processing and the logistics associated with taking outputs to market (midstream) and end use (downstream). It would be of interest to a recent PhD graduate working on the interface of IO and resource/environmental economics and who is interested in the energy transition.” But of course, depending on who is interested, there may be some room for flexibility.

We are on a tight schedule because of an impending QUEX deadline. We plan to discuss this opportunity at SLT on Tuesday morning before getting back to SLT. It would be therefore great if anyone interested could let me know **by this Monday**.

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