



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Post-Doctoral Research Assistant, School of History
Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures



Salary: Grade 7 (£33,199 – £ 39,609 p.a.) Please note due to funding constraints the maximum salary for this role is £33,199.

Reference: AHCHI1019

Closing date: 12 June 2019

Fixed-term for 24 months from 1st October 2019

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Do you have a research interest in the History of India? Would you like to develop connections between academic research and non-academic partners?

Project title: Arts and Humanities Research Council project: AH/S002537/1: 'The Other From Within: Indian Anthropologists and the Birth of the Nation'

This project, led by Prof. William Gould (University of Leeds) Dr. Jesus Chairez-Garza (University of Manchester) and Prof. Crispin Bates (University of Edinburgh), traces the development of anthropology as an academic discipline in India and as an instrument of state formation across the transition to independence (1900- 1970). It examines the discipline in terms of ideas, institutions, intellectuals, their subjects, and the interplay between the global production and utilisation of anthropological forms of knowledge. The project connects these themes by examining the power relations between Western anthropologists and their Indian counterpart, and by analysing how these intellectual networks affect the state and its citizenship.

You would be based in Leeds, working with Professor William Gould and the rest of the project team to conduct archival and interview based research in Britain and India. You will contribute intellectually to the development of this project, produce high quality research outputs and help to co-ordinate events, publications and partnerships in India relating to the successful completion of the project. You should have a PhD in a relevant discipline, with experience of archival or anthropological research in the field of South Asian history, and excellent interpersonal and organisational skills. A demonstrable interest in the history of anthropology, caste or 'tribe' in South Asia would be an advantage, as would language skills in either Hindi or other Indic language.



What does the role entail?

As a Post-Doctoral Research Assistant your main duties will include:

- Conduct relevant archival and field research in Britain and India, planning and managing your own research activity in collaboration with the Principal-Investigator.
- Maintain an effective record of research conducted, manage data using digital photography and other appropriate, reproductive techniques, and help organise the analysis of project data.
- Write articles and book chapters for academic publication, and present academic papers at appropriate conferences in order to help fulfil the project's academic dissemination objectives.
- Maintain contacts and collaboration with the main project partners in India and liaise with them on research and impact activities associated with the project.
- Write material for web, social media, video and printed publications in order to assist with the academic and non-academic dissemination objectives, and contribute to impact, dissemination and community engagement activities.
- Attend and contribute to project progress meetings in order to contribute to setting the direction and successful progression of the research project in line with its stated aims.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

What will you bring to the role?

As a Post-Doctoral Research Assistant you will have:

- A PhD in History, Anthropology or a cognate discipline (PhD or near to completion - meaning after the student has handed in the initial version of their thesis).
- An active academic interest in the research project associated with the post
- Excellent archival skills and experience of archival and/or fieldwork research and analysis in India.
- Be able to work collaboratively to devise a research plan and produce joint academic and non-academic research outputs.



- Independent research initiative and time management, including the ability to manage your own research, direct local research assistants (where necessary) and respond to unexpected research findings.
- Demonstrable expertise in South Asian History or related subject.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, including the ability to interact effectively with a team, including representatives across academic disciplines and non-HEI sectors.
- Effective communication skills (including a high standard of written English), including for social media for research and dissemination.
- Strong planning, record keeping and reporting skills including the ability to set a personal research and writing timetable, and record and report findings effectively.

You may also have:

- An interest in the history of anthropology, caste or 'tribe'.
- Experience of organising conferences/workshops.
- Language skills in Hindi or another Indic language.

How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information page. Applications should be submitted by **23.59** (UK time) on the advertised [closing date](#).

Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

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Additional information

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Working at Leeds

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Candidates with disabilities

Information for candidates with disabilities, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at disclosure@leeds.ac.uk.

Criminal record information

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

A criminal record check is not required for this position. However, all applicants will be required to declare if they have any 'unspent' criminal offences, including those pending.

Any offer of appointment will be in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our [Criminal Records](#) information page.

