



**UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS**

## **CANDIDATE BRIEF**

**Lectureship in Middle Eastern Studies**

**Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures**



**Salary: Grade 7 (£33,797 – £40,322 p.a)**

**Reference: AHCLC1119**

**Start date negotiable with a preference for 1st September**

## **Lecturer in Middle Eastern Studies**

### **School of Languages, Cultures and Societies**

### **Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures**

**Are you an academic with proven abilities to carry out teaching and research in Middle Eastern Studies? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group University? Are you ready to take an active role in shaping the research agenda in the area of Middle Eastern Studies?**

The School of Languages, Cultures and Societies, University of Leeds, invites applications for an on-going full-time post at the level of Lecturer in Middle Eastern Studies (Grade 7) starting in September 2020 (negotiable). The appointment is based in the Arabic, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies subject area of the School of Languages, Cultures and Societies.

You will be a scholar of the Middle East, with a PhD in Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, International Relations or other relevant discipline, and have experience of teaching and supervising at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. A commitment to the ongoing implementation of innovative teaching methods is essential and you will use a range of delivery techniques to enthuse and engage students. We are looking for a scholar with a promising research agenda and publication record, who will pursue a research agenda that builds on their achievements to date and that contributes to the subject area's reputation for high quality and innovative research.

### **What does the role entail?**

As a Lecturer in Middle Eastern Studies, your main duties will include:

- Undertaking research-led teaching at undergraduate and potentially at postgraduate levels in Middle Eastern politics and modern Middle Eastern history;
- Assessment and examinations and contributing towards programme and module design, review and quality assurance mechanisms;





- Supervising undergraduate Final-Year Projects, as well as Masters by Research (MAR) and PhD candidates in areas related to your specialism;
- Devising and/or teaching on modules in your area of specialism;
- Assisting in subject-level recruitment activities, including contribution to undergraduate and postgraduate Open Days, outreach activities and other relevant events;
- Contributing to other cross-School teaching programmes as appropriate;
- Providing support and guidance to students, providing timely feedback, acting as a personal tutor, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Pursuing and maintaining a record of high-quality publications of national and international standing;
- Attracting research funding individually and collaboratively where appropriate and feasible to underpin high quality research activity and research programmes/projects;
- Promoting the integration of your own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the School and Faculty;
- Providing research supervision and helping to attract students to the University;
- Contributing to the vitality of Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Leeds by organising and attending lectures, seminars and other events beyond the teaching provision;
- Contributing to the research and activities of the Iqbal Centre;
- Contributing effectively to the administrative processes and committee structures of the subject area, School and Faculty.

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 Lecturer in Middle Eastern Studies, you will have:

- A PhD in Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, International Relations or other relevant discipline with a Middle East focus;
- A track record of producing research outputs of internationally excellent quality, including as single or main author of recent refereed publications;



- A clear research agenda that complements and/or adds to the research strengths of colleagues within the school;
- A proven record of teaching in a University environment, with an enthusiastic approach to teaching Middle Eastern Studies and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;
- Exceptional communication skills with the ability to collaborate with peers and inspire your research colleagues;
- An ability to work effectively, responsibly and independently, and to work under pressure;
- Good organisational ability, including the ability to manage time effectively and prioritise tasks;
- Evidence of awareness and understanding of current research in field and of having integrated into own teaching;
- Excellence in teaching, as evidenced for example in student feedback obtained from teaching or peer review;
- Evidence of identifying and using appropriate teaching techniques/ methodologies;
- The ability to contribute to management and administrative processes and structures, including managing resources and/or staff.

You may also have:

- Experience of postgraduate student supervision;
- Experience of programme/academic leadership;
- The ability to contribute to and develop interdisciplinary collaborative research projects in a broad range of areas;
- Knowledge of/ research covering the wider Middle East, including Iran and/or Turkey;
- Competency in one or more relevant language, for example Arabic, Persian and/or Turkish;
- Experience of proactively developing new teaching approaches and materials including for a blended learning environment in the area of Middle Eastern Studies.

## How to apply



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

## Contact information

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

**Professor Emma Cayley** ([e.cayley@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:e.cayley@leeds.ac.uk)), Head of School, School of Languages, Cultures and Societies

**AND/OR**

**Dr Mustapha Sheikh** ([m.sheikh@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:m.sheikh@leeds.ac.uk)), Director of Arabic, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies

## Additional information

### Working at Leeds

You can find out more about our generous benefits package and more about what it is like to work at the University and live in the Leeds area in our [Working at Leeds](#) information.

### Candidates with disabilities

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

