



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer in Political Theory, School of Politics and International Studies,
Faculty of Social Sciences



Salary: Grade 8 (£45,585 – £54,395 p.a. depending on experience)

Reporting to: Head of School

Reference: ESLPO1095

We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements.

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Are you a political theorist with ambition to work in a research-intensive Russell Group University? Are you also passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience?

The School of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) at the University of Leeds is looking to appoint a researcher with expertise in political theory. While the precise specialism within political theory is open – analytic, continental, critical, decolonial, feminist, non-Western, etc. – the School is looking for someone with a strong track record in research and teaching who will engage closely with colleagues in [the Centre for Contemporary Political Theory](#), to complement and develop existing strengths.

The successful candidate will be expected to build a strong portfolio of teaching and research, help advance the School's undergraduate and graduate curriculum in political theory, pursue funded political theory research projects, contribute to the growth and development of the Centre for Contemporary Political Theory, and support our vibrant community of PGR research students.

Main duties and responsibilities

Research:

- To pursue, develop and take forward research, innovation and impact at national and international levels;
- To carry out programmes of research, including investigations and project management;
- To promote the integration of own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the school and faculty;
- To actively contribute to the activities and strategic direction of the Centre for Contemporary Political Theory and, where appropriate, any other relevant research centres in the School;
- To maintain a high quality record of regular and original research publications of international standing;
- To attract research income on an individual and collaborative basis, where appropriate and feasible, to underpin high quality research activity in political theory and political theory projects;



- To be involved in postgraduate supervision.

Teaching:

- To undertake a full teaching load (as measured against the school norm);
- To undertake research-led teaching at different levels on undergraduate and postgraduate taught courses and take part in other teaching activities, as appropriate, in accordance with the university's workload agreements;
- To have a significant involvement in the design, development and planning of modules and programmes within the subject area;
- To have a significant involvement in the review of modules and programmes and in quality assurance and enhancement;
- To develop innovative approaches to learning and teaching;
- To provide support and guidance to students, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- To be involved in the assessment of course work and examinations;

General:

- Participating fully in the activities of POLIS, its research centres and academic groups and the administrative processes and committee structures of the School, Faculty and University, as appropriate;
- Being involved in the recruitment, management and development of staff and acting as a mentor to more junior/less experienced colleagues;
- To carry out the duties of the post in accordance with university values, standards, policies and procedures and local faculty/school benchmarks as appropriate;
- To maintain a safe work environment, including ensuring compliance with legislation and the undertaking of risk assessments;
- To undertake any other duties commensurate with the grade as might reasonably be required.

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.

Qualifications and skills

Essential

- A PhD in political theory or a closely related discipline;
- An established record of producing internationally excellent outputs in political theory, commensurate with career stage;



- A track record of applying for external research funding and a plan for obtaining external research funding in the future.
- A credible plan for future research that aligns with the strategic objectives of the [Centre for Contemporary Political Theory](#) and with the School of Politics and International Studies' focus on the [politics of global challenges](#);
- Experience of successful public engagement and/or the ability to communicate research effectively to a range of audiences;
- A proven record of teaching in a University environment, with an inclusive approach to teaching and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;

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:

Prof Richard Beardsworth, Head of School (r.beardsworth@leeds.ac.uk)

Additional information

About the job

You will be responsible to the Dean of Faculty and report to the Head of School. Find out more about the [Faculty](#).

Working at Leeds

We are a campus based community and regular interaction with campus is an expectation of all roles in line with academic and service needs and the requirements of the role. We are also open to discussing flexible working arrangements. To find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area visit our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.



Our University

As an international research-intensive university, we welcome students and staff from all walks of life and from across the world. We foster an inclusive environment where all can flourish and prosper, and we are proud of our strong commitment to student education. Within the Faculty of Social Sciences we are dedicated to diversifying our community and we welcome the unique contributions that individuals can bring, and particularly encourage applications from, but not limited to Black, Asian, people who belong to a minority ethnic community; people who identify as LGBT+; and disabled people. Candidates will always be selected based on merit and ability. »

Information for disabled candidates

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

