



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Teaching Fellow in Security (Middle East)

School of Politics and International Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences



Salary: Grade 7 (£37,099 - £44,263 p.a. depending on experience)

Reporting to: Professor Richard Beardsworth

Reference: ESLPO1102

Closing date: 12 August 2024 (midnight GMT)

Interview Date: 21 August 2024

Fixed term until 31 July 2025 (temporary replacement cover)

Location: School of POLIS, Social Sciences Building, University of Leeds

We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements.

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Are you an academic with proven abilities to carry out teaching in the field of Security with interests in the Middle East? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience to students in a research-intensive Russell Group University?

You will provide effective and innovative research-led teaching in the area of Security and associated research methods, and contribute to existing modules in your specialist field working both independently and in collaboration with established staff.

You will have the ability to deliver excellent research-led teaching in the area of Security with additional interests and teaching abilities in the area of the Middle East. Your focus will be on the contemporary theories, narratives, challenges, and conflicts which characterise both areas. You will also have teaching interests in the areas of insurgency, conflict, complex emergencies, and terrorism. We are looking in particular for the ability to contribute to our MA programmes. There may be further teaching commitments (for example seminar-teaching) in line with student needs, as well as supervision of dissertations at UG level.

Main duties and responsibilities

- Undertaking research-led teaching in Security at undergraduate and Masters level but especially in relation to the Middle East. Other areas that you will contribute to will include insurgency, conflict, complex emergencies, and terrorism;
- The supervision and assessment of project work;
- Supervising undergraduate level dissertations;
- Providing support and guidance to students, providing timely feedback, acting as a personal tutor, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Working with our students as members of a learning community to provide world-class education and an excellent student experience;



- Maintaining and enhancing standards of student attainment at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels;
- Developing and utilising innovative approaches to teaching and learning;
- Contributing to the design, development, planning and review of modules and programmes;
- Contributing to student enhancement in programme delivery, admissions and quality assurance;
- Contributing effectively to the administrative process and committee structures of the Faculty and as appropriate the wider University.

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 or close to completion (meaning the initial version of the doctoral thesis has been submitted) in Politics or International Relations or other relevant field;
- Experience in teaching in a University environment that reflects professional development and engagement with the relevant discipline;
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- Demonstrable creativity and the ability to inspire others;
- Willingness to participate in scholarly academic engagement relevant to the field;
- A high standard of interpersonal and communication and presentation skills;
- Relevant IT skills, including Microsoft Office programmes such as Word, Excel or equivalents; ability to interact with a virtual learning environment.
- Experience of, providing support and guidance to students, with the ability to interact with students to enhance the student experience;
- The ability to work across disciplines, establishing effective working relationships;
- A high level of interpersonal and communication skills;
- The ability to work under pressure and deal with conflicting demands.



You may also have:

- Experience in module planning and review
- Experience of engagement in enhancement activities;
- Knowledge of programme delivery processes

Contact information

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

Dr Kerri Woods, Deputy Head of School, POLIS, email: k.woods@leeds.ac.uk

Additional information

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 all parts of 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.

