



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer in Critical Human Geography, Faculty of Environment



Salary: Grade 8 (£48,149 – £57,422 p.a. depending on experience)

Reporting to: Dr Glenda Garelli

Reference: ENVGE1271

Location: University of Leeds (with scope for hybrid working)

We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements

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Overview of the Role

Are you an ambitious researcher with a commitment to promoting positive social change? Are you passionate about delivering innovative student education in a research-intensive university? Does your research and teaching offer important new insights into AI and social justice, with a focus on securitisation, the future of work, humanitarianism, politics/geopolitics, or activism? Do you have a demonstrable commitment to promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion in research and student education?

The [School of Geography](#) is home to the *Social Justice, Cities, and Citizenship (SJCC) Cluster*, where, in the context of increasingly diverse societies, unequal cities and uneven impacts of climate change, we develop innovative research, often in collaboration with civil society organisations and community groups to overcome discrimination, injustice and disempowerment and to achieve a fairer world. We are involved in a variety of local to international research partnerships from small NGOs to government departments. This work is underpinned by our successful record of external funding from a variety of national and international sources such as UK research councils, European Union, British Academy and the charitable sector. Colleagues in the School collaborate widely across campus and are actively involved with interdisciplinary initiatives and programmes such as the [Leeds Social Sciences Institute](#), the [Futures Institutes](#), the [Leeds Migration Research Network](#), the [Global Food and Environment Institute](#), and the [MSc in Sustainable Cities](#).

Building on these strengths, we are seeking a new colleague to produce innovative research and teaching on critical geographies of artificial intelligence and social justice. Areas of potential expertise could include: AI and securitisation; AI and the future of work; AI and humanitarianism; the politics/geopolitics of AI; algorithmic activism. Applicants should also have the ability to teach across a broad human geography curriculum (including the use of qualitative methods) and be willing to contribute to new postgraduate programme developments. The SJCC Cluster is also a leader in promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in the School, Faculty, and beyond across a range of characteristics (including gender, disability, race, ethnicity,



religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity), and we are seeking a colleague who shares this commitment.

Main duties and responsibilities

- Being actively involved in research, innovation and impact at a national and international level, as well as contributing to local School/Faculty activity;
- Maintaining a record of high quality publications of national and international standing;
- Attracting research funding individually and collaboratively 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;
- Undertaking research-led student education at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, including assessment and examinations and contributing towards module design, review and quality assurance mechanisms;
- Providing support, guidance and timely feedback to students, acting as a personal tutor, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Contributing effectively to the administrative processes and committee structures of the School/Faculty including taking on leadership roles and managing initiatives which facilitate School, Faculty or University performance or business.

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 Geography or other fields relevant to critical human geography;
- A track record of peer-reviewed research outputs of internationally excellent quality relating to critical geographies of artificial intelligence and social justice;
- A successful record of obtaining external research funding a clear, compelling vision for obtaining further funding in the future;



- An ability to contribute to and develop interdisciplinary collaborative research projects in a broad range of areas;
- A proven record of delivering student education in critical human geography (including qualitative methods and research) in a university environment in both small and larger group contexts, with the ability to interact with students in ways that enhance the student experience;
- Experience of proactively developing new teaching approaches and materials in the area of critical human geography;
- A high level of interpersonal and communication skills, and a strong ability to communicate effectively in writing and verbally with students, academic and external audiences;
- An ability to contribute to management and administrative processes and structures, including managing resources and/or staff;
- Evidence of a proactive commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion in both research and student education.

Desirable

- Experience of postgraduate research supervision;
- Experience working collaboratively with external partners to promote knowledge exchange and impact (e.g. civil society groups, government, etc.).

Additional information

Please note: If you are not a British or Irish citizen, from 1 January 2021 you will require permission to work in the UK. This will normally be in the form of a visa but, if you are an EEA/Swiss citizen and resident in the UK before 31 December 2020, this may be your passport or status under the EU Settlement Scheme.

Please note that due to Home Office visa requirements, this role may only be suitable for first-time Skilled Worker visa applicants if they are eligible for salary concessions. For more information please visit: www.gov.uk/skilled-worker-visa

For research and academic posts, we will consider eligibility under the Global Talent visa. For more information please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/global-talent>

Find out more about the [Faculty of Environment](#)



Find out more about the [School of Geography](#)

Find out more about our [Research and associated facilities](#)

Find out more about [equality](#) in the Faculty

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 Environment 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 and ethnically diverse people; people who identify as LGBT+; and people with disabilities. Candidates will always be selected based on merit and ability.

The Faculty of Environment has received a prestigious Athena SWAN silver award from [Advance HE](#), the national body that promotes equality in the higher education sector. This award represents the combined efforts of all schools in the Faculty and shows the positive actions we have taken to ensure that our policies, processes and ethos all promote an equal and inclusive environment for work and study.

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.

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

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.

