



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer in The Politics of Climate Change, School of Politics and International Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences



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

**Reporting to: Prof. Richard Beardsworth**

**Reference: ESLPO1105**

**1.0 FTE, Ongoing**

**Location: Leeds campus with scope for hybrid working. 'We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements.'**

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**Are you a political scientist 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 for a lecturer in the politics of climate change to add to our accelerating strengths in climate politics in the School and in interdisciplinary partnership with the Faculties of Environment and Engineering. The School is looking to appoint a researcher with expertise in the politics of climate intervention and/or climate technologies, with approaches from a Politics, International Relations and/or Science and Technologies Studies perspective welcome. The holder of the lectureship will engage closely with colleagues in the School's Climate Politics Group and a selection of the five Research Centres of the School; they will collaborate at the same time with the University's Priestley Centre for Climate Futures and the University's interdisciplinary Horizons Institute. The School is also looking for a researcher that has a successful funding itinerary, which they will build further once in post. The position offers an exciting opportunity for cross-School, cross-Faculty and cross-University research and teaching in an increasingly important area of political contestation and practice.

The successful candidate will be expected to build a strong portfolio of research and funded research projects, help advance the School's undergraduate and graduate curriculum in International Relations/Politics, and contribute to the growth and development of interdisciplinary climate research in both the School and University. They will also support and further our vibrant community of PGR research students.

## **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;





- Carrying out programmes of research in the politics of climate change, in particular the politics of climate intervention;
- 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 teaching at different levels, including assessment and examinations and contributing towards module design, review and quality assurance mechanisms;
- Providing support and guidance to students, providing timely feedback, 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 International Relations or Politics (or a closely related discipline);
- An established record of producing internationally excellent outputs in the politics of climate change commensurate with career stage;
- A track record of applying with success for external research funding and a strong plan for obtaining external research funding in the future;
- A credible plan for future research that aligns with the strategic objectives of the School of Politics and International Studies' focus on the politics of global challenges and in particular the focus on the politics of climate futures (broadly conceived);



- 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;
- Hold a PGCAP (or equivalent) or an HEA Fellowship, or be willing to complete one of these in the first two years.
- The ability to teach international security and advanced quantitative methods.

## 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:

**Professor Richard Beardsworth, Head of School**

Email: [r.beardsworth@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:r.beardsworth@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 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, those 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 under the 'Accessibility' heading on our [How to Apply](#) information page or by getting in touch by [emailing HR via hr@leeds.ac.uk](mailto: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.

