



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

**Lecturer in Political Theory, School of Politics & International Studies (POLIS), Faculty of Social Sciences**



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

**Reporting to: Richard Beardsworth**

**Reference: ESLPO1106**

**Location: Leeds campus with scope for hybrid working**

**1FTE, 37.5 hours**

**Fixed term for 12 months to complete specific time limited work from 01 September 2025**

**‘We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements’**

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**Are you a political theory academic with an open and inclusive approach to the discipline? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group University?**

The School of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) at the University of Leeds is looking to appoint a lecturer in political theory to a fixed-term position for 12 months. 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 teaching and scholarship who will engage closely with colleagues in the Centre for Contemporary Political Theory, to complement and develop existing strengths, and in the Centre for Teaching Innovation and Scholarship to be part of a thriving community of Teaching and Scholarship in the School.

## **Main duties and responsibilities**

- Undertaking innovative research-led teaching at different levels, and contributing towards the planning and development of module design and quality assurance mechanisms; including but not limited to the following modules:
  - PIED1601 Freedom, Power and Resistance
  - PIED2601 Revolution and Reaction
  - PIED2602 Justice, Community and Conflict
  - PIED3612 Rethinking Resistance
  - PIED3640 Ethics and Politics of Human Rights
- Providing excellent support and guidance to students, both through the academic personal tutoring process and module teaching.
- Leading and managing initiatives which facilitate School, Faculty or University performance or business;
- Contributing at an appropriate level to School and Faculty policy and practice in teaching;





- Actively contributing to the activities and strategic direction of the Centre for Contemporary Political Theory and, where appropriate, other relevant research centres in the School;
- Pursuing, developing and taking forward pedagogic developments, producing scholarly publications and disseminating findings across the University and externally;
- Involvement in the recruitment, management and development of staff and acting as a mentor to more junior/less experienced colleagues.

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.
- A credible plan for future pedagogic research that aligns with the strategic objectives of the Centre for Contemporary Political Theory and Centre for Teaching Innovation and Scholarship within 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/ pedagogic innovation 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.
- Evidence of substantial involvement in curriculum, module, and programme design and/or review and development.
- A strong track record of supporting students academically and pastorally.
- An ability to work effectively, responsibly, and independently, and to work under pressure and manage time effectively to prioritise tasks.



## 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 Derek Edyvane**

Email: [d.j.edyvane@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:d.j.edyvane@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.

