

Lancaster University

Department of Sociology

Further Particulars

Senior Lecturer (Media Industries)

THE POST

As part of an expansion in media teaching and research, the Department of Sociology at Lancaster seeks to appoint a Senior Lecturer with a specialism in the media industries. You should hold an excellent publications record in this area at a level appropriate for submission to the Research Excellence Framework in 2014. You should have strong teaching abilities at both UG and PG levels, relevant administrative and management skills and an ability to take a leadership role. If appointed, you will develop new postgraduate modules on the media industries, contribute teaching on this topic at the undergraduate level, and develop new collaborative programmes with other departments. You will supervise PhD students, in the first year jointly with experienced supervisors. Candidates with experience of working in the media industries and/or relevant practical skills are particularly encouraged.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Lancaster Sociology is an exciting, research-oriented department with academics from a range of different original disciplines attracted by the stimulating 'post-disciplinary' intellectual environment to work on the cutting edge of science and technology studies, cultural political economy, mobilities, media and cultural studies, political sociology and gender and women's studies. The Department was rated fifth for sociology in the last UK Research Assessment Exercise, is in the top fifty sociology departments in the world* and has 27 permanent members of academic staff and a further 12 researchers at the moment.

Lancaster Sociology has developed a national and international reputation through its distinctively interdisciplinary sociology. This is grounded in theoretically-informed empirical research and engages with new issues, and new aspects of old issues. It practices a form of 'public sociology' that tries to investigate, protect and enhance the notion of the public interest in changing and often dangerous times. We develop research that responds to and examines many key contemporary issues, including the financial crisis, food shortages, energy demand, climate change, gender violence, new technologies, health issues, security, welfare reform, migration, crisis management and contested futures.

It is home to a number of research centres and groups, each of which has links to people with common academic interests across the university and beyond:

- Centre for Mobilities Research (CeMoRe)
- Centre for the Study of Environmental Change (CSEC)
- Centre for Gender and Women's Studies (CGWS)
- Centre for Science Studies (CSS)
- ESRC Centre for the Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics (CESAGen)
- Cultural Political Economy Research Centre
- UNESCO Chair in Gender Research Group

The Department administers and teaches on two undergraduate programmes: BA Sociology and BA Media and Cultural Studies. It offers four Masters programmes: MA Sociology, MA Sociological Research (an ESRC approved research training masters), MA Media and Cultural Studies and MA

Gender and Women's Studies. There is also a vibrant postgraduate research community with over seventy students, many of whom are linked to the research centres. The Department participates in three pathways of the ESRC North-West Doctoral Training Centre and it is applying to participate in the equivalent AHRC Training Centre.

The Department has two dual PhD programmes:

- Dual PhD with the Graduate School for Social Research (GSSR) at IFiS PAN, Warsaw
- Dual PhD in European & Global Studies with the University of Siegen, Germany

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY

Lancaster University is approaching its 50th anniversary with a world-class reputation as a centre for excellence in teaching, scholarship and research. Currently ranked as a top 10 UK University and in the top one per cent of universities in global rankings, Lancaster continues to sustain its reputation for teaching and research excellence both nationally and internationally.

The University is set near to the Lune Valley and the Forest of Bowland – areas of outstanding natural beauty – and on the edge of the Lake District. More than £300m has been invested into the estate over the last few years, transforming the campus. Key developments include: new academic centres of excellence, student social facilities, improved teaching spaces and one of the largest student residences projects in the UK: www.lancaster.ac.uk

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The campus is located a short distance from the vibrant and historic city of Lancaster, which has excellent schools. Lancaster is a city of about 55,000 people, with a largely Georgian and Victorian core of sandstone buildings, overlooked by a medieval castle and priory church. It has independent shops, an alternative cinema and theatre, lively markets on Wednesday and Saturday, and easy access to the surrounding countryside on paths, bikeways, and canals. Lancaster is easily accessible by road (M6 Junction 33) and rail (west coast mainline). It is approximately an hour to Manchester International Airport, and about 2.5 hours by train to London.

* <http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2012/subject-rankings/social-sciences/sociology>