

**Lancaster University**  
**Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion**

Further Particulars

**Lecturer in Global Religion and Politics**

The Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR) seeks to appoint a Lecturer in Global Religion and Politics. You are expected to be a strong researcher, have research funding experience, strong teaching abilities at both UG and PG levels and relevant administrative and management skills. Your area of research area should be interdisciplinary reflecting the nature of our department. Within our current Religious Studies programme we have teaching and research expertise in the disciplines of Sociology, Anthropology, Philosophy (Eastern and Western) Contributions relating Religion to Politics and History would be particularly welcome. In terms of teaching, you will be expected to contribute to the core departmental teaching areas, especially to develop an interdisciplinary course in the second year on Global Religion and Politics. You will also be expected to develop new courses at UG and PG level. For example, a module on the Religious Right in the United States; or a module with a focus on Latin American Religion would contribute to our expanding US/American politics offerings in the Department and in FASS.

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION**

In an increasingly complex, interconnected and globalised world traditional academic disciplines are progressively maladapted to contemporary societal challenges. To address this growing need, in August 2010 Lancaster University, with its well-earned reputation for high quality interdisciplinary research, created the United Kingdom's only Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR). This exciting development (bringing together the departments of Politics and International Relations, Philosophy and Religious Studies) was one of the major research strategies of Faculty of Arts and Social Science at Lancaster University. The new Department is a large unit (50+ academic staff), has received significant new investment from the University (20 +new academic posts), is housed in the refurbished County South building and strives to make a major impact on fundamental societal issues and policies. In REF 2014, the Department was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> for Impact and 2<sup>nd</sup> for Environment and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Religious Studies in the UK. Each discipline is ranked top 10 in the UK in the *Complete Universities Guide* and *Sunday Times* subject rankings

Some of its areas of existing expertise include:

- Conflict and peace studies
- Analytic and European philosophy
- Ethics and policy
- Gender and the body
- International relations
- International political economy
- Middle Eastern and North African studies
- Philosophy of mind and psychology
- Asian studies
- Politics and policy
- Religion and conflict
- Religion and society

Potential Lecturer 7/8 candidates should have:

- A solid publications record and an ability to make a positive impact in the forthcoming REF.
- Ability to teach and deliver UG/PG modules in Politics/International Relations.
- Academic departmental administrative experience.
- Research funding experience and clear plans for further development.
- Clear evidence of high quality UG/PG teaching skills.

## **LANCASTER UNIVERSITY**

Lancaster University has a world-class reputation as a centre for excellence in teaching, scholarship and research. *The Sunday Times* awarded Lancaster University the University of the Year Award in 2017. It was ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the UK in the same ranking and is top 10 in all the major rankings in the UK. The University was awarded Gold Award for teaching in the Teaching Excellence Framework

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. £50m+ has been invested into the estate since 2002, 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. The campus is located a short distance from the vibrant and historic city of Lancaster, which has excellent schools. 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.