

Lancaster University

Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion

Further Particulars

Lecturer in International Relations and Diplomacy

The Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR) seeks to appoint a Lecturer in International Relations and Diplomacy. 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 can be broadly construed within the field of International Relations and Diplomacy. Given the interdisciplinary nature of our department you could also have significant interests and potential outside of traditional Politics/International Relations research. In terms of teaching, you will be expected to contribute to the core departmental teaching areas, especially on the MA programme on International Relations and Diplomacy (both on campus and in distance mode) and the capacity to teach UG courses on contemporary Chinese politics. You will also be expected to develop new courses on International Relations at Postgraduate and Undergraduate levels.

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 1st for Impact and 2nd for Environment and 3rd 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 6th 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.