

Department of Sociology
Lancaster University
Lectureship in Media and Society (Grade 7/8)

Further Particulars

The Post: The postholder will teach on undergraduate and postgraduate modules on Media and Society, particularly in the area of global media but with a further specialist area from: media theory, media research methods, political economy of media, media industries, print media.

The postholder will contribute to all aspects of the work of the Department including academic administration and supervising students at undergraduate, masters and doctoral levels. PhD students are normally assigned two supervisors, and always when one is inexperienced. The postholder will be expected to pursue research in Media and Society, and will be encouraged and supported by the Department to develop a research programme with high level publications and applications for external funding.

This is a fixed-term post for three years in the first instance that is linked to the recruitment from home and overseas students for the BA and MA Media and Cultural Studies.

The Department:

Lancaster Sociology is an unusual and distinctive 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, cultural theory, political sociology and gender and women's studies. The Department is in the top fifty sociology departments in the world* and has 27 permanent members of academic staff and a further 13 researchers at the moment. It is home to six Research Centres who each link their members to those 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

The Department is planning to set up a new Media and Culture Research Centre and there is a vibrant postgraduate student culture with over sixty students, many of whom linked to the research centres. There is a growing MA programme, the Department participates in two pathways of the ESRC North-West Doctoral Training Centre and it is applying to participate in the equivalent AHRC Training Centre.

Our BA and MA Media and Cultural Studies programmes are already well established with excellent recruitment, especially from overseas, and we are keen to build them alongside our existing successful undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in Sociology. You will be joining a staff team with expertise in: representations of gender and class, visual media, new media and critical and cultural theory. Undergraduate students are recruited at a high level, with a standard UCAS offer of AAB - we are well placed for the changes coming to the sector.

* <http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2011/subject-rankings/social-sciences/sociology>

The 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. £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 : www.lancaster.ac.uk

The City: 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.

Contact: For more about the Department, see our web pages at <http://www.ling.lancs.ac.uk>. If you want to discuss the post, please e-mail Tim Dant, Head of Department, at t.dant@lancaster.ac.uk.