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College /Service:	College of Social Sciences and International Studies http://socialsciences.exeter.ac.uk/ The Department of Sociology, Philosophy and Anthropology
Post:	Lecturer in Sociology (Education & Research)
Reference No:	P59771
Grade:	F
Reporting To:	Head of Discipline

The above full-time post is available from 1st September 2018 in the College of Social Sciences & International Studies, Department of Sociology, Philosophy and Anthropology (SPA).

Job Description

Main duties and accountabilities

1. To fulfil research, teaching and administration duties as a lecturer in Sociology in the Department of Department of Sociology, Philosophy and Anthropology.
2. To extend the research profile of Sociology, and the wider interdisciplinary research culture of the unit, by publishing in highly-ranked outlets, by attracting and supervising postdoctoral researchers and postgraduate research students.
3. To collaborate with colleagues within the Department, College and the University of Exeter as a whole, in order to develop and support Sociology, inter-disciplinary Departmental and College-wide research programmes, and to develop collaborations with other academic institutions nationally and internationally.
4. To contribute to the general operation of the Department and the College as a member of its academic teams.
5. To build on and extend links the Department enjoys with both academic partners and non-academic practitioners both nationally and internationally, and to contribute actively to the impact agenda of the Department and College
6. To conduct independent research and act as principal investigator and project leader, and in so doing:
 - Enhance the Department's international reputation through research publications of excellent quality, and contribute to debate at national and international conferences.
 - Gain research funding through carefully prepared grant applications, as well as identifying potential income-generating programmes and collaborative partnerships.
7. To supervise research projects, managing any dedicated research staff and postgraduate research students, and provide the mentorship to enable staff and students to develop their skills and academic careers.

8. To help promote a collegiate working atmosphere and stimulating environment that will attract further research staff of the highest quality and excellent postgraduate research students.

Research

1. To conduct independent research and act as principal investigator and project leader, and in so doing:
 - Enhance the College's international reputation through research publications of appropriate quantity and quality, and contribute to worldwide debate at national and international conferences, and
 - Gain research funding through carefully prepared and successful grant applications as well as identifying potential income-generating programmes and collaborative partnerships.
2. To supervise research projects, managing any dedicated research staff and postgraduate research students, and provide the mentorship to enable staff and students to develop their skills and academic careers.
3. To help promote a collegiate working atmosphere and stimulating environment that will attract further research staff of the highest quality, as well as good postgraduate research students.
4. To contribute to the further and development of interdisciplinary social scientific research at Exeter, primarily in the area of Sociology, but also in relation to Anthropology and Philosophy. The successful applicant will have well-developed research interests in areas which strongly resonate with existing and emerging interdisciplinary areas of expertise within the Department. These include: Nature, Practice and Relationality; Inequalities, Exclusions, Resistances; The Ethics and Aesthetics of Social Life; Identity, Culture and Difference; Technology/Science, Expertise and Power; and Health and Wellbeing. The successful applicant is likely to have research interests which traverse more than one of these clusters, though interests in areas of Sociology of Culture, Science and Technology Studies, Health and Wellbeing are especially welcome.

Teaching

To deliver undergraduate and postgraduate courses within the Department of Sociology, Philosophy and Sociology to high academic standards. Teaching will cover a broad range of sociological and inter-disciplinary topics and approaches, especially those relating to Anthropology and Philosophy. To

1. Knowledge acquired from research translates effectively to teaching
2. Students are challenged but also tutored and supported
3. Teaching and learning techniques are innovative and inspiring
4. Students are supervised appropriately
5. Assessment criteria are appropriate, and fairly applied with results fed back to students
6. Module content is continuously reviewed to identify areas for improvement

General

To contribute to the overall general and academic management in the Department of Sociology, Philosophy and Anthropology and College by undertaking activities that may be required, such as:

1. Developing overall academic content and structure of modules with colleagues
2. Developing ideas for generating income and promoting both the College in general, and the Department of Sociology, Philosophy and Anthropology in particular
3. Supporting admissions processes and procedures
4. Supporting examinations processes and procedures

5. Contributing to the work of College committees
6. Contributing to accreditation and quality control processes
7. Contributing to strategic planning

This job description summarises the main duties and accountabilities of the post and is not comprehensive: the post-holder may be required to undertake other duties of similar level and responsibility.

We are very keen to sustain a strong academic community where people share and collaborate in research, and where students feel part of a vibrant academic culture. Therefore we expect that, in general, you will be physically present at the University at least four days a week during term time. This will enable you to become part of this community and be supported and enriched by it.

Person Specification

The successful applicant will have an independent research programme that will strengthen and complement existing interdisciplinary research in the Department of Sociology, Philosophy and Anthropology. He/she will be able to demonstrate the following qualities and characteristics:

1. A PhD in Sociology or very closely-related discipline
2. An excellent publication record or demonstrable potential to publish in highly esteemed publication outlets
3. Scholarly interests which strongly connect both with the Department's existing interdisciplinary research strengths and clusters, and its strategy for the forthcoming REF exercise
4. Appropriate knowledge to develop teaching and research programmes
5. A strong record in attracting research funding, or demonstrable potential to attract such funding.
6. Ideally, potential to cultivate research which will have strong extra-academic impact and will involve non-academic users and stakeholders.
7. Teamwork skills to work in a strongly interdisciplinary research culture, which encompasses Anthropology, Sociology and Philosophy.
8. An active and supportive approach to interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary research that will help to foster interactions and links both within the Department, the College, and the University, and externally with other educational bodies, professional institutions and employers in the UK and abroad.
9. The attitude and ability to engage in continuous professional development
10. The aptitude to develop familiarity with a variety of strategies to promote and assess learning
11. Enthusiasm and competence for delivering undergraduate and postgraduate courses programmes in Sociology and related areas, as well as multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary teaching. The successful applicant must be able to teach on a range of existing Sociology courses at undergraduate level, and to develop independently new courses which will be of interest to Sociology students, as well as potentially Anthropology and Philosophy students too. The successful applicant must be able to teach Sociology and interdisciplinary topics at postgraduate Masters level and to supervise PhD students in Sociology and as part of interdisciplinary supervision teams.

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Further Information

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