

# JOB DESCRIPTION

<b>Vacancy reference:</b>	SRF21792
<b>Post Title:</b>	Lecturer in Political Theory
<b>Grade:</b>	Grade 7
<b>School/Department:</b>	SPEIR
<b>Reports to:</b>	Dr Jonathan Golub

## Purpose

We are seeking to appoint a Lecturer in Politics and International Relations with internationally recognised research excellence in political theory, who can contribute to grant applications, teaching, administration, and outreach. The ability to teach a range of political theory modules is essential, the ability to teach in areas besides political theory would be advantageous.

Politics and International Relations is among the top 10 politics departments in the UK by research outputs in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF). We are a dynamic department that expects to grow in strength over the next few years, with particular expertise in Conflict, Security, and Strategy; Applied Political Theory; and Comparative Politics.

The Department of Politics and International Relations is part of the School of Politics, Economics, and International Relations (SPEIR). It offers two single honours undergraduate programmes, 6 Masters programmes, and contributes to a range of joint honours programmes. It hosts an active community of PhD students with regular research seminars. The School and the Department have an established reputation for inter-disciplinary research, and members are collaborating with colleagues from schools across the university. Further information on the Department and its people and activities may be found at our web-site, <http://www.reading.ac.uk/spirs>.

## Main duties and responsibilities

The post holder will be expected to:

- Contribute to the growth of research in the department and further develop our engagement with external stakeholders.
- Engage with both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and research supervision as appropriate.
- Contribute to student support, outreach and general administration duties within the School.
- Work across disciplinary and methodological boundaries.
- Ability to and have a strong interest in maximising the policy impact of their research activities.

## Supervision received

Post holder reports to the Head of Department and also receives general guidance from the Head of School and the Research Division Leader. The School and Department are sociable, supportive and well-

resourced with a good record for jointly-authored work both within and outside funded projects. The person appointed will find willing collaborators across the School and the University.

### **Supervision given**

N/a

### **Contact**

Liaison with university schools and departments in related academic fields and with colleagues in faculty offices and central departments dealing with student-related matters such as assessment and welfare. Specific tasks may require contacts with a range of external bodies.

### **Terms and conditions**

This is a full time post.

This document outlines the duties required for the time being of the post to indicate the level of responsibility. It is not a comprehensive or exhaustive list and the line manager may vary duties from time to time which do not change the general character of the job or the level of responsibility entailed.

There are no specific hours of work, but the appointee will be required to work such hours as are necessary to carry out the duties associated with the post.

**Date assessed: 08/12/2017**

# PERSON SPECIFICATION

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Lecturer in Politics & International Relations	SPEIR

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
<b>Skills Required</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to undertake research of international recognition in Political Theory.</li> <li>• Ability to teach a range of political theory modules.</li> <li>• Ability to carry out high quality teaching at undergraduate and graduate levels.</li> <li>• Skills for effective supervision of PhD students.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to secure research grant funding</li> <li>• Ability to translate research outputs into policy impact.</li> <li>• Experience of multi-disciplinary research.</li> <li>• Skills to conduct and supervise research that uses a range of methods.</li> </ul>
<b>Attainment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PhD or equivalent in Politics, International Relations, or related discipline.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record of research attainment, e.g. peer review; journal editing; invited conference presentations.</li> <li>• An accredited HE teaching qualification.</li> </ul>
<b>Knowledge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internationally recognised expertise in Political Theory.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of EU and UK research funding mechanisms.</li> <li>• Broad knowledge of politics and international relations.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of research for publication.</li> <li>• Experience of undergraduate and graduate lecturing and giving seminars.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of engagement with policy and practice.</li> <li>• Experience of post-graduate teaching.</li> <li>• Experience of teaching in areas besides political theory.</li> <li>• Experience of pastoral duties.</li> <li>• Experience of carrying out administrative duties.</li> <li>• Experience of PhD supervision.</li> </ul>

<b>Disposition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Willingness to contribute at all levels to teaching provision.</li> <li>• Highly motivated.</li> <li>• Personable in relating to students and provisions of pastoral duties.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest in teaching collaboration.</li> <li>• Confident presenter.</li> <li>• Willingness to engage in interdisciplinary research.</li> </ul>
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