

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

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FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES & CULTURES

DIVISION OF HISTORY

LECTURER IN MEDIEVAL EUROPEAN HISTORY (TEACHING FOCUSSED)

VACANCY REF: HUM-024390

Salary:	Grade 6/7 £40,521 to £56,021 per annum, depending on relevant experience
Hours:	Full Time (1 FTE)
Duration:	Fixed Term For 31 Months
Location:	Oxford Road, Manchester

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Introduction to the University of Manchester and the Faculty of Humanities

The University of Manchester is Britain's largest single-site university with a proud history of achievement and an ambitious agenda for the future. The quality, breadth and volume of research activity is unparalleled in the UK as indicated in the results of the independent Research Assessment Exercise.

Sir Arthur Lewis received the Nobel Prize for Economic Sciences in 1979, in recognition of his work in Development Economics – undertaken here during the 1950s. He was appointed Professor at Manchester in 1948, at the age of 33, and was Britain's first black Professor. The School of Social Science main building is named in his honour. Our staff are also located in Humanities Bridgeford street Building and the Williamson building.

The President and Vice-Chancellor of The University of Manchester, Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, is leading a new vision and strategic plan – Our Future to take us into our third century. It builds on a rich heritage of discovery, social change and pioneering spirit that is at the heart of the University of Manchester and the city region, which aims to make The University of Manchester one of the top 25 universities in the world. The plan identifies three goals - Research and Discovery, Teaching and Learning, Social Responsibility and four themes Our People Our Values, Civic Engagement, Global Influence, and Innovation.

The University of Manchester strives to make our community a welcoming, caring, and enthusiastic one, fuelling ambition with opportunities and support to help us all achieve our personal and professional goals.

The University offers a range of support for new staff a great employment package that includes good terms & conditions and pension schemes, flexibility in approach, family friendly initiatives, development opportunities and services to support your health & wellbeing. In addition, there is a host of other staff benefits and excellent campus facilities. We care deeply about career and personal development, offering a structured induction programme for new staff, an annual performance and development review, staff training for all career stages and mentoring opportunities to support your career development.

As a global institution, situated at the heart of a lively, culturally diverse city, we welcome applicants of all nationalities. To help international job applicants plan for life in the UK, we have put together some useful information on passports and visas, travel to the UK, accommodation, and a number of other practical considerations.

Equality and Diversity

We have a genuine commitment to equality of opportunity for our staff and students and are proud to employ a workforce that reflects the diverse community we serve. One of our guiding principles and values is Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and is at the heart of our activities and forms part of our commitment to our strategic Goal Three: social responsibility.

Amongst many awards, the University has held an Athena SWAN Bronze Award since 2008 and was one of the first UK universities to be awarded a Race Equality Charter Mark. The School of Social Sciences was awarded Athena SWAN Bronze status in 2017, and we will be applying for a Silver Award in 2021. We are listed in Stonewall's list of Top 100 Employers for 2020 and Inclusive Top 50 UK Employers and have been awarded the Disability Confident Employer by Jobcentre Plus.

Building on our Athena Swan Bronze Award, the School of Social Sciences is working hard to enhance the diversity of both its staff and student communities. We currently have 15 pledges for activities to support staff and students. We run annual pre-university courses in criminology, economics, philosophy, politics, sociology and social anthropology for local state school students as well as an on-line option for those further afield and the Pathways to Law Programme for those who meet widening-participation criteria; we also participate in the University-wide Manchester Access Programme.

The Faculty of Humanities

The Faculty of Humanities encompasses academic areas as diverse as Arts, Education, Law, Social Sciences and Business & Management. With over 16,000 students and some 1200 academic staff, it is the largest Faculty of the Humanities in the UK and is equivalent to a medium-sized university. All the disciplines in the faculty recruit students globally and the overwhelming majority of our academics have international reputations for the quality of their research. The University is committed to the ongoing enhancement of the international profile of the Faculty of Humanities. The School of Arts, Languages and Cultures is one of four Schools in the Faculty.

History at the University of Manchester

The University of Manchester has an international reputation across the range of scholarly disciplines, and a mission for the pursuit of excellence through the advancement of research, scholarship, teaching and learning. Its outstanding facilities include the Whitworth Art Gallery and Manchester Museum as well as the world-renowned John Rylands Library. In History, we have excellent partnerships with Manchester City Art Gallery, Cheetham's Library, the National Trust in the northwest and other cultural organisations.

History forms part of the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, in the Faculty of Humanities. The recent Research Excellence Framework placed History at Manchester 5th nationally in terms of overall GPA. Manchester historians have a strong record of attracting external research funding, and currently direct or participate in several major ESRC and AHRC projects, as well as receiving income from funding bodies such as the British Academy and the Leverhulme Trust. As well as comprising a dynamic group of researchers, History at Manchester develops innovative undergraduate and MA teaching and assessment methods. The University has an extraordinary range of historical expertise, some of which lies outside the History Department itself, though in the same School of Arts, Languages and Cultures. This offers exciting opportunities for collaborative teaching and research. History continues to place a strong emphasis on introducing undergraduates to original historical research through project and thesis work. It offers a broad range of cultural, economic, political, and social history, taught across a time span beginning about 400AD and covering America, Africa, Eastern Europe, China, the Middle East and India in addition to Europe and the British Isles. History teaching at Manchester is research-led, and all colleagues are expected to imbue their teaching with their research, particularly in third-year undergraduate and MA courses.

The History department at Manchester is committed to decolonising our curriculum (for further information on this, please see: <https://uomhistory.com/2019/02/28/reflecting-on-racial-inequalities-in-the-discipline-of-history/>) as well as contributing to the university's social responsibility goals. In light of this, the successful candidate will be encouraged to use reflective teaching practices.

Job Description

The post will be held in the Department of History. The principal responsibilities are:

- To teach and examine in undergraduate and MA programmes in Medieval European History as agreed with the Head of Department.
- To contribute to other related areas of teaching, including supervision of UG independent research projects and dissertations and MA dissertations, as agreed with the Head of Department
- To act as academic advisor to undergraduate and postgraduate students
- To work as an effective member of the Department, undertake administrative responsibilities, and work in a collegial manner with academic and professional staff

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Knowledge, Skills, and Experience

Essential

- A PhD (or equivalent) in Medieval European history
- A demonstrable record of teaching excellence at university level in Medieval European History
- Ability to work as part of a collaborative team and a commitment to collegiality
- Ability to work with local cultural assets, such as museums, archives, and libraries, and to integrate their holdings into teaching

Desirable

- Good working knowledge of medieval Latin and the appropriate medieval vernaculars required to supervise UG and PGT dissertations
- Codicological and palaeographical expertise as the candidate may be required to offer seminars in the team-taught MA courses on the history of the book and on palaeography
- Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (or equivalent)