

PROFESSORSHIP OF THE HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT

FACULTY OF HISTORY

1 The Professorship

The Professorship, previously known as the Professorship of Political Science, was established in 1927 on the initiative of the Rockefeller Foundation. The Chair was placed in the Faculty of History, where it has been ever since. Since 1928 holders of the Chair have taught in two sub-fields, the History of Political Thought and Political Theory (once styled Theories of the State). Today, the field of studies over which the Chair presides is styled 'Political Thought and Intellectual History'.

It is generally acknowledged that the holders of the Chair of Political Science / History of Political Thought have been outstandingly successful. The first incumbent was Sir Ernest Barker, and recent Professors have included Quentin Skinner, Gareth Stedman Jones, and John Robertson. The retirement of Professor Robertson in September 2018 opens the vacancy.

In recent years, Cambridge has developed a unique blend of teaching and research in political thought in a historical mode, sometimes known as the 'Cambridge School'. Cambridge is now the premier research establishment in this field worldwide, with highly successful undergraduate, Masters-level and PhD programmes. In particular, the MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History attracts over 100 applicants per annum from across the globe; founded in the 1990s, at least 50 graduates of the MPhil now occupy academic posts in History or Political Science.

A key aspect of the Faculty's Political Thought programme is its close collaboration with the Department of Politics and International Studies, augmented (from 2017) by a new joint degree in History and Politics. It will be a primary duty of the successful candidate to build on this outstanding legacy and to shape the future of political thought and intellectual history in Cambridge.

The holder of the Chair will co-direct the Centre for Political Thought (<https://www.polthought.cam.ac.uk/>), jointly with the Professor of Politics, David Runciman. Through its website the Centre co-ordinates activity across the field, including the Political Thought and Intellectual History seminar, the Global Intellectual History seminar, seminars in political philosophy, the Seeley and Skinner Lectures, workshops, and conferences. The Political Thought Fund, which accompanies the chair, is used chiefly to cover the costs of the biennial Seeley Lectures.

2 Selection Criteria

Candidates will be considered for the Professorship on the basis of the following selection criteria, which they should address in their application.

- An outstanding research record of international stature in the field of the History of Political Thought.

- The vision, leadership experience and enthusiasm to build on current strengths in maintaining and developing a leading research presence, and an established record in attracting research grant support to further this development.
- The ability to further the academic planning and strategic development of the discipline within the University and to facilitate its development within the UK and internationally.
- The ability to manage and interact effectively with staff and students at all levels.
- An enthusiastic commitment to the recruitment, training and mentoring of the next generation of researchers, including undergraduates, research students, and postdoctoral research fellows

Candidates will hold a PhD or equivalent postgraduate qualification.

3 The Faculty of History

The History Faculty's more than 100 academic staff (teaching officers employed by either the University or the Colleges, together with postdoctoral research fellows) constitutes one of the largest and best History departments in the world. The Faculty has consistently obtained the highest possible ratings in official evaluations for teaching and research. Its work spans more than two millennia, straddles the globe and exemplifies the rich variety of sub-disciplines that constitutes history today. In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) the Faculty submitted the work of 115 historians. 44% of their publications were judged 4* ('world leading') and 37% as 3* ('internationally excellent'). Times Higher Education (1 January 2015) ranked Cambridge first out of 83 history departments in the UK on its Research Intensity index - a measure of both quality and depth.

Some 600 undergraduates study a degree course ('Tripos') which is divided into Part I (two years) and Part II (one year). In 2017, the Faculty admitted its first cohort of students reading for Joint Triposes in History and Politics and History and Modern Languages. In addition, the Faculty attracts over 150 MPhil students each year, taking one of the eight MPhil programmes. There are also around 250 PhD students. James Stirling's History Faculty Building (1968) is 'listed' as architecturally significant; the Seeley Library has over 70,000 volumes; and the University Library, a few hundred metres away, is a copyright and lending library of the first calibre. The Faculty has more than twenty specialist research seminars.

The Faculty is comprised of Subject Groups, and the Professor of the History of Political Thought will be assigned to the Political Thought and Intellectual History Subject Group. Members of the Subject Group include:

Dr Julie Barrau	Medieval intellectual history
Dr Duncan Bell	Modern political thought and political theory
Dr Annabel Brett	Late medieval and early modern intellectual history
Dr Christopher Brooke	Early modern and modern political thought
Dr Melissa Calaresu	Intellectual and cultural history of 18 th century Europe
Dr Michael Edwards	Early modern philosophy

Professor Mark Goldie	Intellectual, political, and religious history of 17 th & 18 th Britain
Dr Clare Jackson	17 th & 18 th century British political and legal thought
Dr Sam James	20 th century political thought and intellectual culture
Dr Shruti Kapila	Global political thought
Dr Duncan Kelly	Modern intellectual history
Professor Sachiko Kusukawa	Early modern history of science
Mr Scott Mandelbrote	Early modern intellectual history
Dr Christopher Meckstroth	Modern European political thought
Dr David Pratt	Medieval political thought
Professor David Runciman	19 th & 20 th century political thought and political theory
Dr Magnus Ryan	Medieval political thought
Dr Ruth Scurr	18 th century political thought
Dr Richard Serjeantson	Early modern intellectual history
Dr Peter Sloman	Modern British politics and political thought
Ms Sylvana Tomaselli	18th century intellectual history
Dr Waseem Yaqoob	Modern political thought

Further information on the Faculty and the Political Thought and Intellectual Subject Group can be downloaded from the following web pages:

<http://www.polthought.cam.ac.uk/seminars/index.html>

<https://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/directory/subject-groups/political-thought-and-intellectual-history-at-cambridge>

<http://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/>

4 Duties of the Professor

The Professor takes a leading role in organising teaching within the field of the History of Political Thought and participates in the giving of lectures, seminars and other teaching to the same extent as other Faculty teaching members. He or she supervises PhD students in her or his area of expertise. The Professor is expected to play a leading part in the MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History, and to supervise students taking it, including providing supervision for their dissertations insofar as they lie within his or her area of expertise. In Cambridge, the supervision of undergraduates is the responsibility of the Colleges of the University. A Professor may be asked to undertake such supervision up to a maximum of six hours per week.

The Professor will be expected to play a full part, in accordance with their expertise, in teaching papers 19 and 20 in Part I of the Historical Tripos (History of Political Thought to c. 1700 and History of Political Thought from c. 1700 to c. 1890) and paper 5 in Part II of the Historical Tripos (Political Philosophy and the history of Political Thought since c. 1890, which is taught in collaboration with the Department of Politics and International Studies). He or she will take a lead in refashioning these papers in relation to reforms to the Historical Tripos expected to take effect in 2020. The Professor also has oversight of the teaching of other options in the field, which currently include 'States between States: International Political Thought from the Roman Empire to the Early Nineteenth Century', 'The Politics of Knowledge from the Late Renaissance to the Early Enlightenment', and 'Sacred Histories'. Themes of increasing interest are: international political thought, histories of political economy, histories of scholarship, and religion and political thought.

At graduate level, members of the Subject Group contribute (with colleagues based in the Faculty of Classics and the Department of Politics and International Studies) to

the teaching of an MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History. Further information on the contents and structure of the course can be downloaded from the Faculty's web site: <https://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/prospective-graduates/courses/mphil-pol>

The Professor of the History of Political Thought is expected to further the subject by research, publishing and other activities which enhance its growth as a field of scholarship. This includes the fostering of work by colleagues in the University and outside it.

Administrative duties are shared equitably among the teaching members of the Faculty. The Professors are expected to play significant roles from time to time on the Faculty Board and Faculty Committees dealing with such matters as academic and other appointments, admission of graduate students, research and teaching assessments, and strategic planning for the Faculty's future. The Professor of Political Thought will be expected to take a leading role in management and administration in the Faculty of History, and in raising funds and external grants to support research in the History of Political Thought.

5 The Colleges

The University, the Faculties and Departments, and the Colleges are linked in a complicated historical relationship that is mutually beneficial but not simple. Students (both graduate and undergraduate) are admitted by one of the 31 Colleges, although in the case of graduate students the Faculties and Departments determine admissions before the Colleges are involved. Almost all undergraduates, and many graduate students, live in a College. The teaching of undergraduate students is shared between the Colleges and the Faculties and Departments, with the Colleges arranging small group teaching ('supervision') and the Departments providing lecturing, laboratory classes, and seminars. Most academic staff will also be invited to join a College as a teaching or professorial fellow. College teaching is remunerated separately from the University teaching, and appointment to a College is a separate matter from a University appointment. Membership of a College adds an important social and intellectual dimension for many of the academic staff. The Chair of the Faculty or senior colleagues can give more advice.

6 Procedure for Appointment

The appointment will be made by a Board of Electors, chaired by the Vice-Chancellor or his deputy, with a membership which includes members of the Faculty, members of cognate Departments and external experts.

All applications will be acknowledged. It is expected that a short-list will be drawn up by 15 December 2017. Candidates who have not been short-listed will be informed. Short-listed candidates may be asked to make a sample of their published work available to the Faculty and Department. They will be invited to give a presentation of their current and future research to the Faculty of History and the Department of Politics and International Studies, and be interviewed by the Board of Electors during Lent Term 2018.

Candidates will be informed of the progress of their applications as agreed by the Electors.

It is anticipated that the successful candidate will take up the appointment on 1 October 2018 or as soon as possible thereafter.

7 Enquiries and Applications

Informal enquiries about this Professorship may be directed to Professor Tim Harper, Convenor of the Board of Electors and Chair of the Faculty of History, histchm@hermes.cam.ac.uk.

Further information on the University is available at the following address:
www.cam.ac.uk.

Applications, consisting of a letter of application together with a statement of current and future research plans, a curriculum vitae and a publications list, should be made online no later than **23 November 2017**.

If you are unable to apply online, please contact the Human Resources, University Offices, The Old Schools, Cambridge, CB2 1TT (email ibise@admin.cam.ac.uk).

GENERAL INFORMATION

All appointments to University Offices are subject to the Statutes and Ordinances of the University.

A Salary

Salary on appointment will be determined by the Vice-Chancellor at the appropriate point on the University's salary spine for grade 12, taking account of the criteria for the respective contribution band. Professorial salaries are reviewed periodically, on the basis of research, teaching and general contribution, by the Vice-Chancellor with the assistance of a small Advisory Committee.

There is a normal sabbatical entitlement of one term in seven on full pay, subject to the University regulations.

B Headship of the Department

Should a Professor be appointed to the Headship of a Department, a pensionable payment in addition to salary is made.

C Recruitment Incentive

The University has a scheme whereby a single recruitment incentive payment may be made on appointment at the Vice-Chancellor's discretion.

D Removal Expenses

If the person appointed is not resident in Cambridge, a contribution from University funds towards expenditure incurred in removal to Cambridge to take up a University office will be made.

E Consultancy Work

The University's policy on consultancy work is that consultancy arrangements must be entered into privately between the employee and the organisation concerned. The consultancy work must not interfere with the duties required of the officer under the officer's contract of employment with the University. Consultancy work is not covered by the University's insurances, even when the University has knowledge that such work is being done. The University must not be regarded as being directly or indirectly involved in any consultancy arrangement through the use of University letterheads, advice given or work done in the individual's capacity as an employee of the University. Individuals undertaking private or consultancy work are advised to take out personal insurance.

Alternatively, professional indemnity cover may be obtained by channelling private work through the University company Cambridge Enterprise Ltd. Anyone wishing to do so should, in the first instance, contact Cambridge Enterprise at www.enterprise.cam.ac.uk.

F Professorial Fellowships

The great majority of Professors at Cambridge hold a professorial fellowship of a College. Although election to a fellowship is a matter for an individual College, the University takes active steps to draw to the attention of Heads of House the names of those Professors eligible for election.

In seeking the views of referees, their permission will be sought for the release of their comments on the successful candidate if it were to be requested by the professorial fellowship electors of a College.

G Health screening on appointment to University Office and in the case of University Officers undertaking a change of duties

Offers of appointment made to prospective University officers whose work will fall within certain categories are conditional on the completion of a medical questionnaire and, if necessary, on a satisfactory health check by the Occupational Health Service.

Only the person elected will be asked to complete the questionnaire at the time of election.

H Family friendly policies and benefits

The University has a range of family friendly policies to aid employee's work-life balance including maternity, paternity and parental leave, flexible working and career break schemes. In addition, childcare vouchers, access to two nurseries and a holiday play scheme are available through the Childcare Office to help support University employees with childcare responsibilities. Further information can be found at:

<http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/staff/benefits/family.html>

I Eligibility to work and reside in the UK

UK immigration procedures stipulate that an employer may not consider the appointment of any person unless they have seen evidence of their immigration status. Accordingly, shortlisted candidates, whatever their nationality, will be asked to provide such evidence at an appropriate stage in the recruitment procedure.

J Equal Opportunities Information

The University of Cambridge appoints solely on merit. No applicant for an appointment in the University, or member of staff once appointed, will be treated less favourably than another on the grounds of sex (including gender reassignment), marital or parental status, race, ethnic or national origin, colour, disability (including HIV status), sexual orientation, religion, age or socio-economic factors.

K Information if you have a Disability

The University welcomes applications from individuals with disabilities. Our recruitment and selection procedures follow best practice and comply with disability legislation.

The University is committed to ensuring that applicants with disabilities receive fair treatment throughout the recruitment process. Adjustments will be made, wherever reasonable to do so, to enable applicants to compete to the best of their ability and, if successful, to assist them during their employment. We encourage applicants to declare their disabilities in order that any special arrangements, particularly for the selection process, can be accommodated. Applicants or employees can declare a disability at any time.

Applicants wishing to discuss with or inform the University of any special arrangements connected with their disability can, at any point in the recruitment process, contact, Dr Gosia Wloszycka, who is responsible for the administration of the recruitment process for this position, by email on mw425@admin.cam.ac.uk