

THE VERE HARMSWORTH PROFESSORSHIP OF IMPERIAL AND NAVAL HISTORY

FACULTY OF HISTORY

1 The Professorship

Background

The Professorship was established in 1919 with an endowment of £20,000 to the University by Harold Harmsworth, 1st Viscount Rothermere, to commemorate his son Vere, who was killed at the Battle of Ancre in November 1916. The original intention was a 'Professorship of Naval History', but following a campaign by the Royal Empire Society, the chair was renamed in 1932 as a 'Professor of Imperial and Naval History'. Since 1951, its holders have been distinguished scholars of imperial history including founding figures J.A. Gallagher (1971-81) and D.K. Fieldhouse (1981-1992). The chair has since evolved, along with the study of the subject. Under its previous two incumbents, Sir Christopher Bayly (1992-2013), and Alison Bashford (2014-17), World History has emerged as a vital part of its remit.

Definition of the field

Along with the Smuts Professor in Commonwealth History, the Vere Harmsworth Professor provides essential leadership for the History Faculty's large and diverse World History Subject Group. Since the 1960s holders of these posts and their colleagues have transformed the study of British imperial constitutional history into a field of global reach, which now covers the social and economic history of European and non-European empires, resistance and responses to empires, national liberation movements, postcolonial states and global connections in thought and ideas, commerce, labour, culture, religion, sciences, environments, migration and the comparative histories of empires and regions. South Asia and Africa have been major subjects of study, but more recently the Group also established a strong record of teaching and research in Latin American, East and Southeast Asian, Middle Eastern, and oceanic history.

The World History Subject Group

The core members of the Group are Professor Saul Dubow, Professor David Maxwell, Professor Gareth Austin, Professor Joya Chatterji, Professor Tim Harper, Dr Sujit Sivasundaram, Dr Gabriela Ramos, Dr Ruth Watson, Dr Shruti Kapila, Dr Andrew Arsan, Dr Rachel Leow, Dr Leigh Denault and Dr Bronwen Everill. The Group also includes postdoctoral fellows. The life of the Group is closely connected to a vibrant seminar culture. In addition to the regular World History Seminar, there

are also seminars in South Asian Studies, African Studies, Latin American Studies, and Middle Eastern history, Global Intellectual History, Global Economic History, and a graduate-led World History Workshop. Regular conferences and day workshops are organised, usually with central involvement of graduate students. There are several dozen doctoral projects currently underway under the supervision of members of the Group. Students who have worked within the Group have taken up permanent academic positions in all parts of the world. The new MPhil in World History attracts a large number of applications from around the world and students undertake research across the broad span of world history.

Selection Criteria

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

- An outstanding research record of international stature in the field of world history, including those with a strong background (including appropriate language skills) in one or more of the following regions: East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Latin America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East and Oceania, or in oceanic history. In the case of area studies specialists, a willingness to draw connections or comparisons between different regions is highly desirable.
- The vision, leadership, experience and enthusiasm to build on current strengths and to maintain and develop a leading research presence, as well as an established record in attracting research grant support to further such development.
- The ability to further the academic planning and strategic development of world history in the University and, where appropriate, to facilitate its development nationally and internationally.
- The ability to manage and interact with staff and students at all levels, to contribute to broadening the strategic development of the Faculty, and to provide support and leadership to one or more of the University's Area Studies Centres where appropriate.
- A willingness to be closely involved in the training of the next generation of researchers, for example undergraduates, research students, and postdoctoral research fellows, and the ability to attract and develop talented researchers into the field.
- A willingness to play a positive role in the collective leadership of the World History subject group.

2 The Faculty of History

The History Faculty has over one hundred academic staff (teaching officers employed by either the University or the Colleges) and constitutes one of the largest

and best history departments in the world. The Faculty has consistently obtained the highest 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.

There are some 600 undergraduates, studying a degree course ('Tripos') which is divided into Part I (two years) and Part II (one year), as well as new joint degree courses in History & Politics and History & Modern Languages. There are 120 MPhil students each year, taking one of the Faculty's eight MPhil programmes. And there are over 200 PhD students, making Cambridge History one of the largest graduate schools in the world.

The Faculty benefits immensely from having a splendid departmental library with over 70,000 volumes, located in the critically-acclaimed modernist building, designed by James Stirling, and, a few hundred yards away, there is the University Library, a copyright borrowing library which houses most of its books in open stacks.

The Faculty comprises eight Subject Groups: Ancient and Medieval, Early Modern, Modern European, Modern British, Economic and Social, American, Political Thought and Intellectual History, and World History.

Prospective candidates should consult the Faculty's website, in particular exploring:

- the undergraduate history course (the Tripos)
- MPhil courses relevant to the field of this post
- the relevant Subject Groups and their membership

3 Standard Duties

Teaching and research

The Professor will be required to deliver lectures and give instruction in world history and in particular to perform the following duties:

- to give lectures or classes annually, contributing to both the core teaching of the Part I Tripos Papers ('Empires and World History, c1400-1914' and 'World History since 1914') and to the Subject Group's existing teaching at Part II. The Professor would also be expected in time to develop new papers for Part II of the Tripos, and in the context of the Faculty's ongoing Tripos reform.
- to undertake original work and the general supervision of research and advanced work in his/her subject and Faculty, and to assist students in their studies by supervision or informal instruction.

Examining

The Professor will be required to undertake such university examining, at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, as may be required by the Faculty Board

Supervision

The Professor will be required to act as the supervisor of graduate students as and when requested and to take a lead in developing the Faculty's MPhil in World History.

Administration

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, the libraries and computing arrangements. They are also encouraged to accept appointment to University Committees.

4 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 advanced supervisions. 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.

5 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. The Board of Electors will decide how they wish to proceed towards making an election, which may include interviews and/or presentations. Short-listed candidates may be invited to visit the Faculty to give a seminar on their work and meet prospective colleagues in the course of the process.

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 at a date to be agreed thereafter.

6 Enquiries and Applications

Informal enquiries about this Professorship may be directed to Professor Tim Harper, 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 April 2018**.

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