

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER
SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
LECTURER IN HUMAN GEOGRAPHY (HUM/90436)

PARTICULARS OF APPOINTMENT

1. The University invites applications for the above post tenable from September 2009.
2. Salary: Grade 6 £32,458 – £35,469 p.a. according to relevant experience and qualifications.
3. Informal inquiries may be made to the Head of Geography, Dr Fiona Smyth (0161 275 3621; fiona.smyth@manchester.ac.uk). For further information about Geography see www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/geography/.
4. Applications should be returned by 5 May 2009 to:

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If you have not been contacted by 30 June 2009 you should assume that, on this occasion, your application has not been successful. We would, however, like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in The University of Manchester.

**WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE
DIRECTORATE OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

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GEOGRAPHY

LECTURERSHIP IN HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

Geography in the School of Environment and Development wishes to appoint an outstanding individual to contribute to its vibrant culture of Critical Urban Research and Teaching. These areas are identified as key priorities for Geography and the School (see <http://www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/geography/research> and <http://www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/research/urbanresearch.htm>). We particularly welcome applications from early career academics with experience in undergraduate teaching, and a growing research and publication record in one of the following areas: cities and sustainability, cities and consumption, urban cultures and design, critical urbanism, urban landscapes and infrastructures, cities and identities, socio-political implications of urban change, technological innovation and cyber-space, urban space and critical analysis of mapping practices, the urban public realm and emerging forms of citizenship. The successful candidate will be expected to work closely with the academic staff in Geography and to develop synergies with urban research scholars, programmes, and disciplines within the School of Environment and Development and across the Faculty of Humanities and the University of Manchester.

THE SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

The School of Environment and Development (SED) represents one of the most innovative new academic structures of the University of Manchester. It forges an interdisciplinary partnership combining the former Schools of Geography and Planning and Landscape with the Institute for Development Policy and Management (IDPM) and the Manchester School of Architecture, thus uniting research into social and environmental dimensions of human activity. The School of Environment and Development has over 80 academic staff (within a total staff complement of 125), over 800 undergraduates and 600 postgraduate students, of whom 100 are research students. In 2007, the four discipline areas were co-located with the School of Social Sciences into a new building to accommodate anticipated growth in postgraduates and academic and research staff. Since its formation a significant number of new appointments have been made within the constituent parts of the new School, including seven Geography appointments, six posts within IDPM, four posts in Planning and Landscape and five within the re-vitalized Architecture discipline. The School also hosts the Brooks World Poverty Institute, a major university initiative heralded by the appointment of Nobel Laureate Professor Joseph Stiglitz. The School of Environment and Development is therefore well positioned to continue to set research agendas, nationally and internationally, on issues including nature and society, global change, economic and social development, state restructuring, the urban environment, resource management, environmental change, poverty alleviation, and the regulatory and policy dimensions of these issues.

THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Manchester, formed in 2004 by bringing together The Victoria University of Manchester and UMIST, is Britain's first chartered university of the 21st century. With some of the highest quality teaching and research, and the broadest spread of academic subjects, the university will be able to compete with the best universities in the world. The University's vision for the future is the creation of a 21st century institution that will become an international research powerhouse and a favoured destination for the best students, teachers, researchers and scholars in the world. The merged University was established with an unprecedented £430 million capital programme to enhance research and teaching

facilities and improve the campus. The new institution is the largest single-site higher education institution in the country, offering students a greater choice of degree programmes and options, and even better facilities and support services. A landmark document, Towards Manchester 2015, sets out the dynamic plan for making The University of Manchester one of the top 25 universities in the world by that date.

Manchester offers extensive provision for research. Library facilities include the John Rylands University Library and the Manchester Central Reference Library. The John Rylands library is the largest non-legal-deposit academic library in the United Kingdom, providing services and resources to students, researchers and academic staff as well as members of the public, schools and commercial companies. It holds the widest range of electronic resources of any UK Higher Education library.

General information about the University may be found on the University website (www.manchester.ac.uk).

THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

With the creation of the new University of Manchester, a Faculty of Humanities has been formed encompassing academic areas as diverse as Arts, Education, Law, Development, Social Sciences, Business and Management, and Information Technology. This is the largest Faculty in the University, with seven component schools: The Manchester Business School; Arts, Histories and Cultures; Law; Social Sciences; Environment and Development; Languages, Linguistics and Cultures; and Education. With a total income over £100m p.a., over 15,000 students and some 900 academic staff, the Faculty is equivalent to a medium-sized university in the UK. The vast majority of the disciplines in the Faculty already have international reputations, and its formation represents a clear opportunity to strengthen links between Social Sciences and Business and Management, and Social Sciences and Arts, particularly in the consolidation of existing interdisciplinary research.

In the RAE 2008, 22% of research activity in the Faculty of Humanities was classed as world leading and a further 40% as internationally excellent. Furthermore, the Faculty is home to several Research Council funded, interdisciplinary research centres, including the ESRC Centre for Research on Innovation & Competition (CRIC), ESRC National Centre for e-Social Science (NCeSS), ESRC Centre for Research on Socio-Cultural Change (CRESC), and the Institute for Political & Economic Governance (IPEG).

<http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk>

THE CITY AND REGION

Manchester is one of the great European cities and the University's main campus is located a short distance from the city centre. The city's architecture represents one of the high points of Victorian achievement. The modern city is a major centre of banking, commerce and manufacturing. It has a highly cosmopolitan atmosphere and its cultural life is internationally renowned. Within fifteen minutes walk of the campus for instance, there are three outstanding professional theatre companies, the halls of the Hallé and BBC Philharmonic orchestras, the Cornerhouse as well as other cinemas, and Europe's fastest-growing Chinatown. Ten minutes in the opposite direction is perhaps the best stretch of road in the entire country for Indian and Pakistani food. Amongst recent developments enriching the area's cultural life have been: the opening of the Lowry Centre at Salford Quays; the opening of the Bridgewater Concert Hall; the refurbishment of the City Art Gallery; the opening of Urbis in the centre of Manchester and of the Imperial War Museum North, designed by Daniel Libeskind, in Trafford.

Trafford, specifically Old Trafford, is known internationally for sport: it is a venue for Test cricket and the home of Manchester United FC. The Commonwealth Games were held in Manchester in 2002 and were highly acclaimed. There is an abundance of new sports facilities; the University is a stakeholder in the Commonwealth Pool, which offers on-campus, world-class swimming facilities. The Commonwealth Stadium became the home of Manchester City FC in 2003. Housing is varied, plentiful and, by English standards, moderately priced. Schooling ranges from world-famous private schools to excellent sixth-form colleges and comprehensives.

Manchester is well served by a major international airport, with direct scheduled flights to many destinations in Europe as well as North America and Asia. Manchester Piccadilly railway station has been refurbished and is served by inter-city and other train services – with a direct link to Manchester Airport. The expanding network of Metrolink tram services offers an alternative mode of public transport from certain parts of the conurbation. Some of the most beautiful countryside in Europe is just over thirty minutes drive from the University, in the Peak District National Park, while the Lake District and Snowdonia are also within easy reach.

LECTURESHIP IN HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

This appointment continues an ambitious plan for the strengthening of the research and teaching capacity of Geography at the University of Manchester. This plan has been realised over a seven year period. The objectives are:

- To ensure research activity in Geography can be regarded as excellent, where excellence is defined as 'setting the international research agenda'.
- To maximise the number of staff working at the frontiers of research in their respective areas of the discipline, and setting research agendas.
- To foster the development of new centres of research excellence, including those based on the new School of Environment and Development (see below) and by opportunities presented by the new University of Manchester and external collaboration.
- To ensure the student experience at Manchester is comparable to the best in the world.
- To maintain the growth of PGR student numbers and external research funding.

In order to achieve these objectives Geography at Manchester has been significantly restructured and strengthened in the post RAE2001 period. Two appointments were made in 2003 (Woodward - Readership in Physical Geography, Haylett - Lectureship in Human Geography), five in 2004 (Blackford - Senior Lecturer Physical Geography, Bridge – Reader in Economic Geography, MacKian – Lecturer in Human Geography, Hess – Lecturer in Human Geography, Lindsay – Lecturer in Physical Geography and Geocomputation), three in 2005 (Jayne and Dodge – Lecturers in Human Geography, Davies STF in GIS). Professor Erik Swynghedouw joined us in October 2006 as a Chair in Human Geography linked to the Geographical Political Economy Research Group, and Professor Maria Kaika joined geography in 2007 to head the SCaS research group while Dr James Evans was appointed to develop the new masters in environmental governance. These posts have (i) strengthened current areas of research within the Geography discipline area and (ii) developed capacity for the new research opportunities arising from both the new School of Environment and Development and expanded University of Manchester.

Geography Staff

The Geography staff currently includes 24 academic staff. There is also an experienced team of administrative and support staff including laboratory, computing and cartographic technicians, between eight and 12 research staff, over 30 postgraduate research students and a number of highly active emeritus staff.

Professors

Clive Agnew (*Climatology, water resources*), Michael Bradford (*Urban policy evaluation; Geographies of children*), Noel Castree (*Political economy of the environment; labour geography*), Maria Kaika (*urban political ecology*), Erik Swyngedouw (*Political economy of governance, geographical scale and nature*), Kevin Ward (*Urban political economy*), Jamie Woodward (*Geomorphology and geoarchaeology*)

Readers

Tim Allott (*Environmental change and reconstruction*), Roger Braithwaite (*Climate change and glaciation*), Gavin Bridge (*Industrial and resource geography*), Neil Coe (*Global production networks, geographies of labour and innovation*), Martin Evans (*Upland geomorphology*), Richard Huggett (*Environmental change and ecological worldviews*)

Senior Lecturers and Senior Teaching Fellows

Jeff Blackford (*Palaeoecology*), Chris Davies (*GIS*), Julia McMorrow (*Earth observation*), Chris Perkins (*Critical and ethnographic approaches to contemporary mapping*), Fiona Smyth (*Health and cultural identity*)

Lecturers

Andrew Baldwin (*Cultural politics of nature*) Martin Dodge (*Geographies of Cyberspace*), James Evans (*Environmental governance*), Martin Hess (*Regional and urban economic development*), Phil Hughes (*Geomorphology and Mediterranean glaciation*) Mark Jayne (*Cultural urban geography*), Sarah Lindley (*GIS and air pollution*), James Rothwell (*Pollutant mobilisation in the environment*), Claire Smith (*Climate change adaption and climate reconstruction*).

Urban climate, climate change adaptation, sustainable development, GIS, speleothem palaeoclimatology, climate reconstruction

Since 1999 the School has appointed Professors Agnew, Castree, Kaika, Swyngedouw, Ward and Woodward and Drs Allott, Baldwin, Blackford, Bridge, Coe, Davies, Dodge, Evans (2), Hess, Jayne, Lindley Rothwell, Smith and Smyth. This list of recent appointments reveals a significant re-staffing of the Geography discipline, part of the long-term strategy to strengthen our research activities. We are equally committed to maintaining our deservedly high reputation in teaching and learning.

Research

Research in the Geography discipline focuses on four themes:

- Geographical political economy
- Space, culture and society
- Environmental systems and processes
- Quaternary environments and geoarchaeology

Full details of the research activities within Geography can be found on the School's website (www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/geography). There are a number of research units integrated

within the main research groups, including the Centre for Urban Policy Studies (CUPS) and the Upland Environments Research Unit (UpERU). The School is committed to high quality internationally recognised research. The School operates a teaching and administration allocation model that is reviewed annually to ensure an equitable distribution of staff workload and to protect staff research time. There are regular meetings of Research Groups to provide coordination, create a community of researchers, and to ensure information is available for external funding. Research sabbaticals are available for all staff and we currently plan for two staff in geography to be away each semester. Support from UK Research Councils for Geography research over the last two years include ESRC (Global production networks; Living and labouring in London and Manchester; Work, life and time in the new economy; Globalisation of the temporary staffing industry; e-Social Sciences hub), NERC (LOCAR - lowland catchments; Synergy of HyMap and digital elevation data for the analysis of peat erosion patterns), EPSRC (Contaminated land construction and demolition; Adaptation strategies for climate change in urban environments). In addition, Geography research is currently supported by a variety of other organisations, for example British Academy (Contingent cities; Dynamics of local and regional governance; Ethnographies of map use), Rockefeller Foundation (Working Communities Programme-Geographies of the temporary staffing industry), Leverhulme (Development, participation and health), DTLR (New deal for communities; London deprivation project), the Coalfields Regeneration Trust (Coalfields Regeneration trust evaluation), GM Waste (Soil materials derived from municipal waste), ODPM (Relationships between housing markets and asylum seekers), Manchester City Council (Community mapping) and Moors for the Future (Impacts of gully blocking, Ecological assessment of stream networks).

In SED the University has created a school of substantial size with many examples of research excellence, established externally-funded research centres and opportunities for inter-disciplinary research. In the last two years the School has:

- Secured funding from the University for investment posts in the Brooks World Poverty Institute, Global Urban Development, Environmental Governance, Environmental Modelling, Environmental Economics, International Planning, and Geoinformatics.
- Established a new, interdisciplinary Architecture research centre, MARC.
- Secured just under £1 million worth of external fellowships and three major internal fellowships covering the salary of three post doctoral posts and providing research expenses.
- Secured £8 million worth of research awards.

The School hosts a number of elite, externally funded research centres. The UK *Department for International Development (DFID)* has funded the Centre for Regulation and Competition (CRC) and the Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC). The *Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)* has funded the Global Poverty Research Group (GPRG), and the *European Union* has supported the Impact Assessment Research Centre (IARC). In addition, the Environmental Impact Assessment Centre (EIA) networks across the School, and collaborative research ventures include the Centre for Urban Policy Studies (CUPS) and the Centre for Urban Regional Ecology (CURE).

The University of Manchester has a long-standing tradition of research into social and economic development. To build on this tradition, the University created in 2006 the **Brooks World Poverty Institute**, a new multidisciplinary centre of excellence researching poverty, poverty reduction, inequality and growth. The Strategy Board of BWPI is chaired by Nobel Laureate Professor Joseph Stiglitz who has joined BWPI on a part-time basis. The *Rory and Elizabeth Brooks Foundation* has generously agreed to support the BWPI with a gift of £1.3 million over three years which will be augmented by funding from the University of

Manchester and external grants to generate a planned investment of £5 million over the first five years.

Teaching and Learning

Geography is committed to excellence in teaching and learning and currently offers the following courses:

BA and BSc Honours Degrees in Geography
BSc in Geography and Geology
MA in Environmental Governance
MA in Human Geography
MSc in Environmental Monitoring, Modelling and Reconstruction
MSc Geographical Information Science

Further details can be obtained at: www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/geography.

At present there are around 600 undergraduates studying Geography degree programmes at Manchester. Applications are buoyant with incremental annual increases in the numbers of students applying to study Geography at the University of Manchester in recent years. The School and the University are committed to the further enhancement of teaching quality. The overall learning experience of Geography teaching was rated as 'excellent' in the most recent Teaching Quality Assessment and was highly commended in the recent Quality Audit. The curriculum is characterised by progressive skills acquisition, choice, reflective learning and a diversity of learning opportunities with significant amounts of fieldwork. The School seeks to facilitate curriculum innovation and development and to encourage continual enhancement of the quality of teaching and learning. We have received a number of awards within the University to develop our teaching and learning processes including the Personal Academic Development Programme and study skills acquisition. The School has also made significant contributions to the RGS/IBG, the Geographical Association, the HEFCE funded FDTL project to disseminate good practice in Geography teaching, and the DfEE Geography skills project.

Currently some 30 PhD students are registered in Geography. They are supported by ESRC, EPSRC, University and School studentships. All research students participate in a generic research skills training programme and those on School bursaries are also employed as teaching assistants. We offer three Geography based masters programmes which recruit externally and attract students from across the University to take specific modules e.g. GIS, Earth Observation and Spaces of Nature. The MA programme in Human Geography is ESRC recognised and feeds into the University's postgraduate research training modules.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The post of Lecturer in Human Geography will contribute to future developments in Critical Urban Research and Teaching. In addition to the normal academic tasks of teaching and examining at all levels, and active engagement in research and publication, the person appointed will be expected to:

- contribute to the international reputation of research in the School through regular publication in academic journals and by other means of dissemination
- develop research grant applications for external sources of funding

- develop research in the field of Critical Urban Geography
- develop links between research and teaching activities in the School, the Faculty and beyond
- contribute to the teaching of Critical Urban Geography
- take part in and, where necessary, lead appropriate field classes
- demonstrate their willingness to adopt fresh teaching or assessment approaches
- contribute to the planning and development of programmes or modules within human geography
- promote graduate studies by recruiting and supervising postgraduate research students
- take an appropriate share of administrative and pastoral duties
- act in a collegial manner

PERSON SPECIFICATION

It is **essential** to show evidence of:

- research activity in the field of Critical Urban Geography with a record of research achievement and publication
- a demonstrable programme of high-quality research in the immediate future and the longer term that complements or extends our existing research strengths
- teaching experience in higher education
- excellent communication skills
- commitment to research-led undergraduate and postgraduate teaching
- an interest in developing learning and teaching within the School
- a commitment to collegiality

It is **desirable** to show evidence of:

- a PhD in a relevant discipline
- the ability to teach and examine effectively in higher education
- administrative ability
- the ability to work as part of multidisciplinary academic teams
- some success in obtaining research support funding, where appropriate and feasible, and/or collaboration in significant research projects

- experience of postgraduate research supervision where available

APPLICATION PROCESS

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The closing date for applications is 5 May 2009 and it is anticipated that interviews will take place between 29 May and 6 June 2009. The post is tenable from September 2009.