

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

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**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES AND CULTURES
Division of Language-Based Area Studies**

LECTURER IN PORTUGUESE CULTURAL STUDIES

Vacancy ref: HUM-08371

Salary:	Grade 6/7 (£34,576 – £47,801 p.a.)
Hours:	Full-time
Start/duration:	1 September 2016 / permanent
Based at:	Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies Division of Language-Based Area Studies School of Arts, Languages and Cultures
Responsible to:	Professor Karl Posso
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JOB DESCRIPTION

Overall purpose of the job

The School of Arts, Languages and Cultures (SALC) contains one of the UK's largest concentrations of high-quality research and teaching in languages and linguistics. SALC is seeking to recruit a full-time lecturer to contribute to the teaching and research activities of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies which is housed within the Division of Language-Based Area Studies. We are looking for an energetic colleague to deliver courses on contemporary Portuguese cultural studies. We welcome applications from candidates with a PhD and research expertise in any aspect of contemporary Portuguese or Lusophone African culture.

You will make a major contribution to Portuguese Studies at undergraduate level. You will also assist with the delivery of some language courses (including translation) and introductory courses on Lusophone cultures. You must therefore be fully fluent in English and Portuguese. Preference *may* be given to candidates who are also proficient in Spanish or whose research also covers aspects of Brazilian culture.

The School is strongly committed to the enhancement of excellence, in step with the University's ambitious plans as set out in the document Building on Manchester 2015 – Towards Manchester 2020, which is designed to cement the University's place within the world's top 25 universities. In REF 2014, Modern Languages at Manchester achieved an excellent result, being ranked third in the UK on research power. In RAE 2008, when the discipline of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies was assessed separately from other Modern Languages, Manchester was ranked top in the country for the subject. Teaching is a key element of the School's activity and students at all levels benefit from the breadth of the School in that they can combine languages and also pursue interests from a cross-cultural and cross-linguistic perspective.

Key responsibilities

You will be required to:

- Liaise with the Head of the Division of Language-Based Area Studies and the Undergraduate Programme Director with regard to teaching activities.
- Convene and deliver teaching for undergraduate courses on contemporary Portuguese and/or Lusophone African cultural studies.
- Teach on other related course units as required.
- Contribute to Portuguese language teaching (eg, translation seminars); this will be non-negotiable.
- Provide formative and summative assessment, including appropriate feedback; working with course convenors to set and mark examinations and coursework according to University criteria.
- Be available for consultation with students during a minimum of two designated office hours per week.
- Conduct high quality research in any area of contemporary Portuguese or Lusophone African cultural studies for submission in future REF exercises (or equivalent). Your research should contribute to improving the visibility of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies at the University of Manchester, in the UK and internationally.
- Undertake other duties, administrative or otherwise, as may reasonably be required.

*/person specification with note on selection process **overleaf**...*

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential

- A PhD in a relevant field, submitted or very near completion
- Fluency (oral and written) in English and Portuguese
- Teaching experience in contemporary Portuguese cultural studies at university level
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to empathize with students
- Ability to work in a team and to contribute to collegiality
- A track record of research and publication (including evidence of publications currently under review with peer-reviewed and internationally recognized journals)

Desirable

- Experience of assessing undergraduate work in Portuguese as a foreign language, including translation
- Experience of postgraduate teaching
- Experience of postgraduate research supervision
- Experience submitting grant applications
- Expertise in using IT resources, including virtual learning environments, for teaching purposes, and experience developing online teaching materials
- Experience of university administration
- Proficiency in Spanish or research expertise which involves aspects of Brazilian culture

The candidate chosen will be the one who matches most closely the overall requirements of the post, so candidates should address the above criteria in their applications.

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to provide two examples of their own written work (preferably submitted to peer-reviewed journals or equivalent), and will be asked to make two 15-minute presentations: (1) on their research agenda; (2) on teaching – the idea here would be to offer a 15-minute section of an actual class as opposed to an entire class condensed into 15 minutes.