



# THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

## Job Description

<b>Job Title:</b>	Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Modern Greek Studies
<b>Department / School:</b>	School of History, Classics and Archaeology
<b>Reports To:</b>	Head of Classics

## Job Purpose

With generous support from the A. G. Leventis Foundation, the School of History, Classics and Archaeology at the University of Edinburgh is pleased to invite applications for an open-ended Lectureship/Senior Lectureship in Modern Greek Studies. The post represents an exciting expansion of the School's research and teaching agenda into Modern Greek Studies, which will be further supported by the creation of an equally open-ended Teaching Fellowship in Modern Greek Language and Literature (in whose appointment the future holder of this post will be involved).

Applications are welcome from specialists in any area of Greek history, literature or culture from 1453 to the present. The postholder will maintain close relations with the Departments of Classics and History and, together with the soon-to-be-appointed Teaching Fellow, play a key role in developing a new focus on Modern Greek Studies comprising of attractive specialised modules as well as potentially, in due course, new degree options/specialisations for students from across the School and the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. The candidate will pursue an active research agenda ideally drawing on existing strengths and synergies in the School, such as ancient Greek and Byzantine history, literature and culture; classical reception studies; early modern and modern intellectual and/or political history including the history of revolutions or of dictatorships in the twentieth century; diaspora studies; etc., and/or College, e.g. European studies, modern languages, comparative/transnational literary, film and cultural studies, history of art, etc. They will be expected to recruit and supervise doctoral students and contribute to building up a research culture in the field.

## Main responsibilities

1) To pursue independent and original research and develop a portfolio of internationally excellent research publications, develop knowledge exchange and impact activity, and develop external funding proposals as appropriate, to meet the research objectives of the School of History, Classics and Archaeology (approx. 40% of the time)

2) Provide high quality teaching and supervision at all levels, including developing research-led courses for honours and postgraduate students in an area of Modern Greek Studies, as well as undertaking dissertation supervision and doctoral supervision, to meet the teaching objectives of the School (approx. 40% of the time)

3) Undertake leadership and administrative duties within Classics and within the School, as specified by the Head of Classics or Head of School (approx. 20% of the time).

## **Planning & Organising**

- Deliver pre-honours, honours and postgraduate teaching and supervision of undergraduate and Masters dissertations, as directed by Head of Classics.
- Plan, pursue and publish scholarly research and engage in other scholarly activities including making funding applications.
- Plan and carry out supervision and training of doctoral students as required.
- Plan and carry out administrative roles as required.

## **Problem Solving**

- Solve problems relating to own research, including seeking out appropriate external resources.
- Respond to feedback on teaching and assessment through changes in course design and course content as appropriate.
- Work with academic colleagues and the Student Support and Experience Team to assist students who encounter difficulties in their studies.
- Develop appropriate responses to problems or issues that arise in respect of administrative roles.

## **Decision Making**

- Decide on an appropriate strategy to develop a focus on Modern Greek Studies initially within existing structures in the School of History, Classics & Archaeology.
- Decide on an appropriate research strategy and on how best to implement this, including selecting appropriate means and output locations for publishing research findings and deciding on how best to seek out external funding and/or opportunities for public impact.
- Decide on appropriate teaching material for courses at various levels and how best to present this material to students and how it is best assessed.
- Decide on the best way to deal with student queries, including deciding on when to approach other key School contacts for further support.

## **Key Relationships**

Internal contacts: Undergraduate and postgraduate students; Colleagues within Classics, especially Hellenists and Byzantinists and in particular the new Teaching Fellow in Modern Greek Language and Literature; Colleagues within History; Professional services staff across the School; other College/University representatives; Head of School.

External contacts: Modern Greek Studies colleagues in the UK; Colleagues, universities and other public institutions in Greece and Cyprus (including media); International community of scholars in the field (e.g., EU countries, USA, Australia), specifically organisers of research conferences, representatives of learned societies or other professional organisations, or representatives of research funding bodies; Stakeholders in the cultural domain e.g. the Edinburgh Book Festival or the Edinburgh Film Festival; Greek societies in Scotland.

### Knowledge Skills and Experience: Lecturer

Attribute	Essential	Desirable
<b>Education, Qualifications &amp; Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A PhD in a relevant field.</li> </ul>	
<b>Knowledge &amp; Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Portfolio of excellent research in any aspect of Modern Greek history, culture or literature (post 1453 to present), including in the form of recent or forthcoming publications, commensurate with career stage.</li> <li>Excellent competence in spoken and written Standard Modern Greek (Κοινή Νεοελληνική), and familiarity with a range of registers of written Greek in use since 1453.</li> <li>Evidence of potential for attracting external funding, commensurate with career stage.</li> <li>Evidence of experience in teaching, indicative of commitment to and potential for excellence in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in Modern Greek Studies.</li> <li>Vision of how to create an inclusive curriculum of Modern Greek Studies, relevant and sensitive to contemporary questions and debates.</li> <li>Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Synergies with existing strengths and research interests in the School and College.</li> <li>Experience with Hellenic studies in their diachrony, for instance (but not limited to) in classical or Byzantine reception studies, the classical tradition, or similar.</li> <li>Experience of course/curriculum design and development.</li> <li>Experience of knowledge exchange and/or engagement with public bodies and stakeholders and the wider public.</li> </ul>

### Knowledge Skills and Experience: Senior Lecturer

Attribute	Essential	Desirable
<b>Education, Qualifications &amp; Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A PhD in a relevant field.</li> </ul>	
<b>Knowledge &amp; Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of research and publication in Modern Greek Studies that meets standards of world-leading excellence.</li> <li>• Excellent competence in spoken and written Standard Modern Greek (Κοινή Νεοελληνική), and familiarity with a range of registers of written Greek in use since 1453.</li> <li>• Evidence of potential for attracting external funding, commensurate with career stage.</li> <li>• Vision of how to create an inclusive curriculum of Modern Greek Studies, relevant and sensitive to contemporary questions and debates.</li> <li>• A proven track record in teaching leadership and curriculum development, indicative of excellence in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, and in the development of new courses and/or programmes at postgraduate and undergraduate levels.</li> <li>• Evidence of the ability to supervise throughout the curriculum from undergraduate dissertations to PhD theses inclusive.</li> <li>• Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.</li> <li>• Evidence of experience of academic leadership and management.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synergies with existing strengths and research interests in the School and College.</li> <li>• Experience with Hellenic studies in their diachrony, for instance (but not limited to) in classical or Byzantine reception studies, the classical tradition, or similar.</li> <li>• Experience of knowledge exchange and/or engagement with public bodies and stakeholders and the wider public.</li> <li>• Evidence of ability to secure research funding from external sources.</li> </ul>

## Dimensions

See above.

## Additional Information

Applications should include a cover letter that explains research plans and suitability for the position, a CV, and a writing sample. As Modern Greek Studies is an addition to our existing curriculum, applicants should additionally outline their vision for how they wish to develop a teaching and research focus, drawing on existing expertise in the School and outlining potential synergies. These documents will inform the longlisting process. Applicants should also give contact details for three referees, to be contacted only if successful at the shortlisting stage.

Shortlisted candidates will be required to give two brief presentations – one on their plans for research and their vision for developing Modern Greek Studies at Edinburgh, the other on their teaching – to members of staff and students from the School of History, Classics and Archaeology during a two-day interview process. It is our intention to provide CVs to staff attending these presentations unless an objection is received from the candidate. We plan for the presentations and the final interview to be in person, but will offer a hybrid option to candidates who cannot come to Edinburgh on the stipulated days.

We particularly welcome applications from candidates belonging to groups that have been traditionally underrepresented in Modern Greek Studies, including but not limited to women and ethnic minorities.

Informal enquiries may be made to the Head of Classics, Dr Benedikt Eckhardt, [b.eckhardt@ed.ac.uk](mailto:b.eckhardt@ed.ac.uk).

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