



Job description and selection criteria

Job title	Research Associate (Socialism Goes Global: Cold War Connections Between the 'Second' and 'Third Worlds', 1945 - 1991)
Division	Humanities
Department	History Faculty
Location	History Faculty, George Street, Oxford OX1 2RL
Grade and salary	Grade 7, points 1 to 3 (£30,434 to £32,277 p.a.)
Working hours	Full time
Contract type	Fixed term (due to external funding from the AHRC)
Contract duration	1 year (1 November 2015 to 31 October 2016)
Reporting to	Professor Paul Betts

Job description

The University

The University of Oxford is a complex and stimulating organisation, which enjoys an international reputation as a world-class centre of excellence in research and teaching. It employs over 10,000 staff and has a student population of over 22,000.

Most staff are directly appointed and managed by one of the University's 130 departments or other units within a highly devolved operational structure - this includes over 6,500 'academic-related' staff (postgraduate research, computing, senior library, and administrative staff) and over 2,700 'support' staff (including clerical, library, technical, and manual staff). There are also over 1,600 academic staff (professors, readers, lecturers), whose appointments are in the main overseen by a combination of broader divisional and local faculty board/departmental structures. Academics are generally all also employed by one of the 38 constituent colleges of the University as well as by the central University itself.

Our annual income in 2012/13 was £1,086.9m. Oxford is one of Europe's most innovative and entrepreneurial universities: income from external research contracts exceeds £436.8m p.a., and more than 80 spin-off companies have been created. For more information please visit www.ox.ac.uk/staff/about_the_university

Humanities Division

The Humanities Division is one of four academic divisions in the University of Oxford, bringing together the faculties of Classics; English; History; Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics; Medieval and Modern Languages; Music; Oriental Studies; Philosophy; and Theology and Religion, as well as the Ruskin School of Art. The Division has over 500 members of academic staff, approximately 4,100 undergraduates (more than a third of the total undergraduate population of the University), 1,000 postgraduate research students and 720 students on postgraduate taught courses.

The Division offers world-class teaching and research, backed by the superb resources of the University's libraries and museums, including the famous Bodleian Libraries, with their 11 million volumes and priceless early book and manuscript collections, and the Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology. Such historic resources are linked to cutting-edge agendas in research and teaching, with an increasing emphasis on interdisciplinary study.

The Division's faculties are among the largest in the world, enabling Oxford to offer an education in Arts and Humanities unparalleled in its range of subjects, from music and fine art to ancient and modern languages.

For more information please visit: www.humanities.ox.ac.uk

History Faculty

The Faculty of History in Oxford is the largest in the United Kingdom and one of the largest in the world. It has a very strong international reputation for its scholarship and its teaching of undergraduate and graduate students, with particular strengths in the history of the British Isles, continental Europe, imperial and global history, the United States, economic and social history, intellectual history and the history of science, medicine and technology. Within the Faculty there is also a department for the History of Art, and the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine. Research in the Faculty is focused around, and facilitated by, ten formal research centres and twenty informal research clusters. Research centres provide focal points for major individual and collaborative research projects, and for the organisation of conferences and workshops, and can call upon administrative support from within the Faculty. The Modern European History Research Centre (www.history.ox.ac.uk/research/centre/mehrc.html) is the Faculty's largest research centre, organising events, co-ordinating international networks of scholars and regularly securing external funding to support its activities. Research clusters support weekly or fortnightly seminars, which have provided the contexts and stimulus for the preparation and writing of many publications by Faculty members. In addition to Faculty postholders, there are large numbers of other scholars involved in historical research and teaching in Oxford's colleges, museums and libraries.

The Faculty is located in spacious and well-equipped premises in the Old Boys' High School, George Street. This is a very central location, less than 10 minutes' walk from the rail station, and very close to bus station, shops and other University locations. The premises house a community of 15 administrative staff and up to 20 other users, comprising doctoral students, researchers, and academics and professors. The building is also used for teaching and seminars.

For more information please visit: www.history.ox.ac.uk

Overview of the role

Oxford University, in collaboration with the Universities of Exeter, SSEES-UCL, Columbia, Leipzig, Belgrade and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, has been awarded a major Arts and Humanities Research Council Grant (2014-18) to study the relationship between what were once called the 'Second World' (from the Soviet Union to the GDR) and the 'Third World' (from Latin America to Africa to Asia): see <http://socialismgoesglobal.exeter.ac.uk/>. As part of this initiative, we are offering a one-year fellowship based at Oxford to support postdoctoral research around this topic, beginning in November 2015.

After 1945 as both decolonization and new forms of globalization accelerated, new links opened up between the so-called 'Second' and 'Third Worlds'. Contacts multiplied through, for instance, the development of political bonds; economic development and aid; health and cultural and academic projects; as well as military interventions. Yet these important encounters, and their impact on national, regional and global histories, have hitherto only played a marginal role in accounts of late 20th century globalization, which have mainly focused on links between the West and former colonies, or between the countries of the 'Global South'. The seven designated research themes of the project are: Socialist Development and Globalisation; Technology; Socialist Political Values; Revolution; Cultural Encounter and Representation; Race, Gender, Sexuality; Soft Power and Cultural Diplomacy.

Applications are invited from postdoctoral researchers whose training enables them to address any of the political, economic, cultural, or social aspects of these themes, whether from the viewpoint of one region/ country/ institution/ group, or with a trans-regional approach incorporating the perspectives of multiple global actors. The successful candidate will work under the direction of Professor Paul Betts on one or more of the themes listed above. There will be opportunities for career development, such as conference presentation, publication and the possibility of CEELBAS training (<http://www.ceelbas.ac.uk/>). The successful candidate must be willing to travel extensively to help gather material for the project.

Responsibilities/duties

- Manage academic research and administrative activities. This involves small scale project management, in order to co-ordinate multiple aspects of work to meet deadlines;
- Adapt existing and develop new research methodologies and materials;
- Prepare working theories and analyse qualitative and/or quantitative data from a variety of sources, reviewing and refining theories as appropriate;
- Contribute ideas for new research projects;
- Assist in the preparation of research publications, and book chapters;
- Present papers at conferences or public meetings;
- Act as a source of information and advice to other members of the group on methodologies or procedures;
- Represent the research group at external meetings/seminars, either with other members of the group or alone;

- Carry out collaborative projects with colleagues in partner institutions, and research groups.

Selection criteria

Essential

- Hold a doctorate in a relevant field within either Humanities or Social Sciences, or show evidence that a doctorate will be obtained by the start date of the appointment;
- Fluency in at least one East-Central European language;
- The ability to satisfy the University's English language entry requirements (<http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/international-students/english-language-requirements>);
- Possess sufficient specialist knowledge in the discipline to work within established research programmes;
- Ability to manage academic research and associated activities;
- Previous experience of contributing to publications/presentations;
- Excellent communication skills, including the ability to write for publication, present research proposals and results, and represent the research group at meetings.

Desirable

- Fluency in more than one East-Central European language;
- Experience of independently managing a discrete area of a research project;
- Experience of actively collaborating in the development of research articles for publication.

Please note that the appointment of the successful candidate will be subject to standard compulsory pre-employment screening, such as right to work checks. Please [click here](#) to read the candidate notes on the University's pre-employment screening procedures.

Working at the University of Oxford

For further information about working at Oxford, please see:

www.ox.ac.uk/about_the_university/jobs/research/

How to apply

If you consider that you meet the selection criteria, click on the **Apply Now** button on the 'Job Details' page and follow the on-screen instructions to register as a user. You will then be required to complete a number of screens with your application details, relating to your skills and experience. When prompted, please provide details of two referees.

Please provide your two referees with a copy of these further particulars, and ask them to email their references directly to board.admin@history.ox.ac.uk by 20 May 2015. References must be sent from institutional email accounts. The University would like to thank all referees for their time.

*****It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure that both references are submitted by the deadline.*****

You will also be required to upload the following:

- A single-page (A4) document outlining how your expertise would enable you to work effectively on some of the seven themes (listed on page three);
- A full CV;
- Course transcripts;
- Proof of English language proficiency (if applicable);
- A supporting statement which explains how you meet the selection criteria for the post. The supporting statement should explain your relevant experience which may have been gained in employment, education, or you may have taken time away from these activities in order to raise a family, care for a dependant, or travel for example. Your application will be judged solely on the basis of how you demonstrate that that you meet the selection criteria outlined above and we are happy to consider evidence of transferable skills or experience which you may have gained outside the context of paid employment or education.

Please save all uploaded documents to show your name and the document type.

All applications must be received by **12:00 noon** (British Summer Time) on **20 May 2015**. It is envisaged that interviews will be held by Skype in mid-June.

Information for priority candidates

A priority candidate is a University employee who is seeking redeployment owing to the fact that he or she has been advised that they are at risk of redundancy, or on grounds of ill-health/disability. Priority candidates are issued with a redeployment letter by their employing departments.

If you are a priority candidate, please ensure that you:

- *attach your redeployment letter to your application*
- *explain in your covering letter how you meet the selection criteria for the post.*

Should you experience any difficulties using the online application system, please email recruitment.support@admin.ox.ac.uk. Further help and support is available from http://www.ox.ac.uk/about_the_university/jobs/support/. To return to the online application at any stage, please click on the following link www.recruit.ox.ac.uk.

Please note that you will be notified of the progress of your application by automatic e-mails from our e-recruitment system. **Please check your spam/junk mail** regularly to ensure that you receive all e-mails.