



SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER

Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies

Faculty of Humanities

The Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Cape Town seeks to appoint a Senior Research Officer (equivalent in rank to a Senior Lecturer) to further the social scientific study of Jews in South Africa.

Since its founding in 1979, the Centre has conducted a variety of sociological, demographic, and attitudinal studies. These include national studies of the South African Jewish population in 1991, 1998, 2005, and 2019; a national opinion survey in 2016; an intensive community study focused on Cape Town in 2018/9; a programme of oral history interviews; and a current project to track and quantify racism and antisemitism on social media in South Africa. The appointee will be expected to lead and develop this programme of research going forward.

The post is on the standard academic track, qualifies for ad hominem promotion, and is permanent (subject to the ongoing availability of funding.) It is hoped that the successful candidate will commence duties by January 2022 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Requirements

A PhD in sociology, demography, anthropology or a cognate discipline

Evidence of proficiency, and training at graduate level, in quantitative and qualitative research methods

A record of research involving the application of social scientific methods to the study of Jews and / or other ethnic and religious groupings, as well as familiarity with scholarship on sociological and demographic trends within Jewish populations.

Evidence of ability to conceptualize and develop a coherent research agenda relevant to the focus of the Centre, and to lead and manage research studies

Advantageous:

Experience of post-graduate supervision

An active record of publication

Responsibilities:

The appointee will be responsible for conceptualizing, designing, coordinating, and managing all social scientific projects undertaken by the Centre. In addition, the successful candidate will be expected to maintain a productive record of scholarship and publication, to provide occasional supervision to students at the graduate level, and to participate fully in the intellectual life of Centre and in the broader field of Jewish Studies. For willing candidates, opportunities for teaching may be offered.

Informal inquiries may be sent to: adam.mendelsohn@uct.ac.za

The 2021 annual cost of employment for Senior Research Officer (equivalent to Senior Lecturer level), including benefits, is R921,012.

To apply, please e-mail the below documents in a **single pdf file** to Ian Petersen at recruitment02@uct.ac.za

- UCT Application Form (download at <http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc>)
- Cover letter
- Curriculum Vitae (CV), including the names of three referees and their email addresses
- A writing sample of between 6000 – 10 000 words on a relevant topic

Please ensure the title and reference number are indicated in the subject line.

An application which does not comply with the above requirements will be regarded as incomplete. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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Website: <http://www.kaplancentre.uct.ac.za/>

Reference number: E210346

Closing date: 15 November 2021

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