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## Position Description

<b>College/Division:</b>	ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences
<b>Faculty/School/Centre:</b>	Research School of Social Sciences
<b>Department/Unit:</b>	Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies (the Middle East and Central Asia)
<b>Position Title:</b>	Lecturer (Sociology of Islam and Muslim Societies)
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>Academic Level B</b>
<b>Position No:</b>	
<b>Responsible to:</b>	Director, CAIS

### PURPOSE STATEMENT:

The Centre of Arab and Islamic Studies (the Middle East and Central Asia), at the Australian National University (ANU) is a leading interdisciplinary research and teaching Centre focusing on the Middle East and Central Asia regions at one of Australia's premier universities. The appointee will be required to maintain and further the Centre's research, education, and programs, and will be expected to maintain and further develop their research, disciplinary, policy networks to enhance the Centre's position both nationally, and globally.

### KEY ACCOUNTABILITY AREAS:

#### Position Dimension & Relationships:

The Centre is seeking to appoint a Lecturer in the Sociology of Islam and Muslim societies. The appointee's research profile should be rooted in sociological perspectives or political sociology on the religion and culture of Islam and Muslim societies. Research can focus on aspects of the global and complex majority Muslim societies and/or minority status of Muslims in various socio-political contexts. It is desirable that the research makes a distinctive contribution to the field of sociology.

The appointee will need to work collegially with staff members within the Centre and the wider College of Arts and Social Sciences at ANU. This position requires active independent contribution to research, undergraduate and graduate teaching and the supervision of research students. The appointee will contribute to the intellectual life of the Centre, College of Arts and Social Sciences and wider ANU community

### Role Statement:

Specific duties required of a **Level B Academic** may include:

- undertake independent and/or team research, with a view to publishing original and innovative results through national and international refereed journals, to present research at academic seminars and national and international conferences and collaborate with other academic staff both within and outside of the University;
- seek external funding including the preparation of research proposal submissions to external funding bodies;
- supervise student research at undergraduate, Honours, graduate coursework and postgraduate (PhD) levels
- contribute to teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels as required. Teaching duties include, but are not limited to, the preparation and delivery of lectures and tutorials including course design, preparation of online material, marking and assessment and consultations with students;
- outreach to the community including prospective students, research institutes, government, the media and the public;
- support the administration and coordination of the education program of the Centre. These contributions may include, but are not limited to, attendance at and participation in academic staff meetings, academic roles including curriculum development and program convenorship, and participation in committees in the School and wider University community;
- comply with all ANU policies and procedures and in particular those relating to work health and safety and equal opportunity;
- other duties as allocated by the CAIS Director or the Vice-Chancellor consistent with the classification of the position.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**Selection Committee specific to **Level B Academic:**

1. A PhD degree in the field of Sociology related to the Sociology of Islam and Muslim societies with a track record of independent research in the field as evidenced by publications in peer-reviewed journals and conferences, a record of developing and maintaining collaborations and by other measures such as awards, research grants, and invitations to present at conferences;
2. A demonstrated ability to undertake curriculum and program development, deliver quality teaching and supervise undergraduate and postgraduate students;
3. Evidence of an ability to teach courses in Islamic studies from a sociological perspective as well as design new courses on the topic;
4. Demonstrated ability to communicate and interact effectively with a variety of staff and students and the proven ability to promote develop and maintain strong collaborative relationships both nationally and internationally.
5. A demonstrated understanding of equal opportunity principles and policies and a commitment to their application in a university context.

<b>Supervisor Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
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**References:**[Academic Minimum Standards](#)