JOB TITLE: Academic Publishing and Journal Fellow

ORGANIZATION: French Politics, Culture & Society/Berghahn Books

LOCATION: 20 Jay Street # 502, Brooklyn, NY 11201

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

French Politics, Culture & Society explores modern and contemporary France from the perspectives of social sciences, history, and cultural analysis. It also examines France's relationship to the larger world, especially Europe, the United States, and the former French Empire. The editors also welcome pieces on recent debates and events, as well as articles that explore the connections between French society and cultural expression of all sorts. With refereed research articles, timely essays, and reviews of books in many disciplines, FPCS provides a forum for learned opinion and the latest scholarship on France. FPCS is published three times a year by Berghahn, and is based at the Institute of French Studies at NYU.

Berghahn is an independent publisher of distinguished scholarly books and journals (including FPCS) in the humanities and social sciences. With close to 40 journals and over 120 new titles a year, Berghahn publications span History, Social & Cultural Anthropology, Archaeology, Mobility Studies, Environmental Studies, and Film Studies. As current—as well as historical—events remind us, the values of scholarly learning are vital for understanding the human condition and for promoting the ideals of equality and tolerance in both theory and application. To this end, the books we publish reflect a deep commitment to interdisciplinary scholarship that is concerned with the underlying social fabrics that span our diverse cultures.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The fellow will dive into the world of academic publishing and public-facing programming and divide their time between the journal, academic publisher Berghahn, and the Institute of French Studies. The balance between these components can be shaped by the fellow’s interests and trajectory. One component will be gaining experience in all facets of academic publishing at Berghahn, a leading publisher of academic journals and books. Berghahn can offer the fellow an...
in depth introduction to academic publishing, including production, distribution, and marketing.

The fellow will also support editorial work at French Politics, Culture & Society. The fellow will be involved in all stages of the peer review process, from acknowledging submission through editing final proofs. The fellow will gain experience with all aspects of an academic journal, from publishing to production.

The fellow will organize a substantial public programming initiative at the Institute of French Studies. The event could take many forms, such as a roundtable about current events in the Francophone world, a conference, or a journée d'étude, which will ideally ultimately be destined for publication in French Politics, Culture & Society. The fellow will also support and augment the public-facing workshop programming of the Institute of French Studies, in areas that align with their own academic background and professional interests.

QUALIFICATIONS

Qualified candidates must be fluent in spoken and written French. The ideal candidate will have experience in interdisciplinary academic settings and be equipped to engage with academic work from fields outside the candidate's own discipline; editing experience; and ideally some experience with and knowledge of academic life in the Francophone world. The fellow should be adept at working independently, including on long-term projects, and exhibit excellent written and verbal communication skills.

SPECIFIC APPLICATION QUESTION

What is your favorite interdisciplinary academic journal and why? Which special issues in French Politics, Culture & Society have resonated with you? What are some of the things that characterize good editors?