The Politics Department at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Political Theory in areas of non-Western political and legal thought. Recognizing that ‘non-Western’ is a contested concept, we are open with respect to geographical area; we are interested in scholarship that examines political and legal thought of subaltern, marginalized, or indigenous people from any geographic area (including e.g., African American political thought), as well as scholarship that examines the political and legal thought from the Global South (e.g., Islamic, East and/or South Asian thought). In relation to a focus on legal thought, the successful candidate’s work might engage social movements, decolonial struggles, political economy, gender and sexuality, race, sovereignty, and/or religion. We seek scholarship that contributes both to political theory and to legal studies through critical interpretive work with texts, archives, and/or ethnographic sources, drawing out the origins, diverse interpretations, and manifestations of legal thinking. We are interested both in scholarship that examines the politics of legal thinking, and/or that examines the intersections of political thought and the law.

Candidates will be expected to teach in both the undergraduate Politics and Legal Studies majors, and the Politics Ph.D. program. The successful candidate will work well with students, faculty, and staff from a wide range of social and cultural backgrounds. We welcome candidates whose understanding of the barriers facing underrepresented women and minorities in higher education careers is evidenced by life experiences and educational background, and who have experience building equitable and diverse scholarly environments with respect to teaching, mentoring, research, life experiences, or service. UC Santa Cruz is a Hispanic-Serving Institution with a high proportion of first-in-family undergraduate students. We encourage both domestic and international candidates to apply.

**RANK:** Assistant Professor (tenure-track)

**SALARY:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience; academic year (9-month) basis.

**BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:** Ph.D. (or foreign equivalent) in field related to the study of politics expected to be conferred by June 30, 2018; Demonstrated record of research and teaching.

**POSITION AVAILABLE:** July 1, 2018, with academic year beginning September 2018. Degree must be conferred by June 30, 2019 for employment beyond that date.

**TO APPLY:** Applications are accepted via the UCSC Academic Recruit online system and must include required materials: letter of application, curriculum vitae, 1 to 2 samples of written work, research statement, up to 3 sets of teaching evaluations (if available), and 3 confidential letters of reference*. Applicants are invited to submit a statement addressing their contributions to diversity through research, teaching and/or service. All documents/materials must be submitted as PDF files.

*All letters will be treated as confidential per University of California policy and California state law. For any reference letter provided via a third party (i.e., dossier service, career center), direct the author to UCSC’s confidentiality statement at http://apo.ucsc.edu/confstm.htm

**Closing Date:** Review of applications will begin on September 29, 2017. To ensure full consideration, applications must be complete and letters of recommendation received by this date. The position will remain open until filled, but not later than 6/30/2018.

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