In 1998 All Souls College received a generous benefaction to establish an annual Lectureship in memory of Sir Edward Evans-Pritchard, Professor of Social Anthropology and Fellow of All Souls (1946-70) in the disciplines (social anthropology, classical studies, modern history, Asian and Middle Eastern studies) and the geographical areas (Africa, the Middle East, the Mediterranean) that most occupied him.

The benefactor is keen that the lectures should provide an empirical analysis of social relations, and should be based on fieldwork or on indigenous primary materials. The electors are enjoined, if possible, to appoint a scholar in early or mid-career rather than a well-established person. A doctorate is required for eligibility.

The Lecturer should give four to six lectures, within one term, either once a week or more frequently. The Lecturer is not required to reside in Oxford, and the position may be combined with others elsewhere. It is expected that the lectures will normally be published.

The Lecturer will receive a stipend of £4,000, and reasonable travel expenses, Common Table rights in College, and free accommodation in the College or one of its properties for the period of the lectures.

There is no application form. Candidates should send an e-mail to academic.admin@all-souls.ox.ac.uk setting out their proposed course of lectures and a list of publications by Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 12 noon (UK time). They should also ask two referees to send their references (of no more than two pages) to academic.admin@all-souls.ox.ac.uk – also to arrive by Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 12 noon (UK time).

The electors are the Professor David Gellner (chair), Professor Rosalind Thomas, Professor Sloan Mahone, Professor Marilyn Booth, and Professor David Pratten. They hope to arrive at a decision in June. Their choice is not limited to those who apply.