



UNIVERSITETET I BERGEN

**University of
Bergen**
Department of Social
Anthropology

The University of Bergen (UiB) is an internationally recognised research university with more than 14,000 students and close to 3,500 employees at six faculties. The university is located in the heart of Bergen. Our main contribution to society is excellent basic research and education across a wide range of disciplines.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Positions in the Frontlines of Value project at the Department of Social Anthropology

There is a vacancy for one or two Postdoctoral Research Fellow positions for 4 years and one or more temporary/part time Researchers within the program *Frontlines: Class, Value, and Social Transformation in 21st Century Capitalism* at the Department of Social Anthropology.

The Department of Social Anthropology is one of Europe's largest in the discipline, currently with 15 professors and associate professors, 4 post-doctoral fellows and about 25 PhD candidates. Long-term research and fieldwork is carried out in most parts of the world, and several major research projects are based at the department, including an ERC Advanced Grant project on Egalitarianism. Further details can be found on the Department's web pages, <http://www.uib.no/antro/en>. The department offers degree studies at the levels of Bachelor, Master and PhD.

About the *Frontiers of Value* project:

UiB has hired Professor Don Kalb to lead a new five-year elite-research program embedded within the Department of Social Anthropology. He will lead a small team of researchers that will study new and emergent class configurations within an ever more turbulent and unequal global capitalism and its emergent modes of value-generation, including the associated frictions, contradictions and contestations. For more information about the project *Frontlines: Class, Value, and Social Transformation in 21st Century Capitalism*, please see the following link, <http://www.uib.no/en/persons/Don.Kalb>

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

About the position:

The postdocs are expected to plan and execute an ethnographic project of their own within a small team of researchers led by professor Don Kalb that study new and emergent class configurations within an ever more turbulent and unequal global capitalism and its emergent modes of value-generation, including the associated frictions, contradictions and contestations, <http://www.uib.no/en/persons/Don.Kalb>. Projects might focus on labour, precaritization, social reproduction, financialization, monopoly and rent-extraction, speculation, speculative urbanism etc, within an explicit and theorized concern with the evolving forms of capitalist value generation. One of the postdoc projects will probably be situated in China, another one may be located anywhere in the Global South, and we are also open to proposals that have their research focus on developments in Europe and the US.

Starting date: 1 September 2017 or soon after.

Qualifications and personal qualities:

- The applicant must hold a PhD in social anthropology or related disciplines (sociology, geography, history, political economy) or must have submitted his/her doctoral thesis for assessment prior to the application deadline. It is a condition of employment that the PhD has been awarded.
- The applicant has a portfolio of original publications in relevant international journals and ideally a monograph submitted to/published by a recognized international academic publisher.
- She or he must be able to work independently and in a structured manner, and have a good ability to collaborate in a team and cooperate with others.
- Proficiency in both written and oral English.

Potential candidates may be invited to the department for an interview, and might be asked to hold a trial lecture in a topic of choice.

About the position of postdoctoral research fellow:

The position of postdoctoral research fellow is a fixed-term appointment with the primary objective of qualifying the appointee for work in top academic positions. The fixed-term period for this position is 4 years of which 25 % is mandatory duties in the form of teaching or equivalent work. Individuals may not be hired for more than one fixed-term period as a postdoctoral research fellow at the same institution.

A research proposal of maximally 2000 words must accompany the application. The proposal should contain a progress plan for the different parts of the research work. It is a requirement that the project is completed in the course of the period of employment.

We can offer:

- A good and professionally challenging working environment.
- Salary at pay grade 57 - 60 (code 1352) on the government salary scale upon appointment (equivalent to NOK 486.100 - 516.000 per year). Further promotions are made according to length of service in the position.
- Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.
- A position in an inclusive workplace (IW).

- Good welfare benefits.

Your application must include:

- A research proposal (max. 2000 words)
- A letter of motivation
- The names and contact information for three reference persons.
- CV, including a list of publications.
- Pdf's of two key publications.
- Transcripts and diplomas or official confirmation that the doctoral thesis has been submitted.

The application must be uploaded at Jobbnorge.

The application has to be marked with: 17/3163

The closing date is 30 April 2017.

Applications sent by e-mail will not be evaluated.

We kindly ask the applicants to follow the guidelines for applicants to postdoctoral fellowships positions at the Faculty of Social Sciences closely. The guidelines are obtainable by contacting post@svfa.uib.no.

General information:

Detailed information about the position can be obtained by contacting: Prof. dr. Don Kalb,
e-mail: Don.Kalb@uib.no

Practical questions about the application process should be directed to Senior Executive Officer Anita Helen Spurkeland, e-mail: Anita.Spurkeland@uib.no or tel.+47 55 58 90 58.

The state labour force shall reflect the diversity of Norwegian society to the greatest extent possible. Age and gender balance among employees is therefore a goal. It is also a goal to recruit people with immigrant backgrounds. People with immigrant backgrounds and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply for the position.

The University of Bergen applies the principle of public access to information when recruiting staff for academic positions. Information about applicants may be made public even if the applicant has asked not to be named on the list of persons who have applied. The applicant must be notified if the request to be omitted is not met.

The successful applicant must comply with the guidelines that apply to the position at all times.

Jobbnorge ID: 135378, Deadline: Closed