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On 1 January 2014, the Norwegian School of Veterinary Science and the University of Life Sciences merged and became -NMBU, the Norwegian University of Life Sciences. NMBU has 1700 employees and 5200 students, and is currently located on two campuses - Ås, about 30 km south of Oslo, and Adamstuen in Oslo. In 2020, the new research- and education-building for veterinary science will be completed and all of NMBU will then be located at Campus Ås.

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Postdoctoral Fellowship within the economy of violent religious activism - Ref.no. 17/02293

The Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Noragric, at the Faculty of Landscape and Society, invites applications for a postdoctoral fellowship on the political economy of religious conflict and violence in East Africa, North Africa or the Middle East. The fellowship is for 2 years.

The Faculty of Landscape and Society has 1300 students and 180 staff. It consists of five sub-units, carrying out research and education in the fields of urban and regional planning, property management and law, landscape architecture, international environment and development studies, and public health.

The Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Noragric is engaged in education, research, institutional collaboration and assignments within international environment and development studies. The Department has a PhD programme, three Master programmes and a Bachelor programme. The Department has approximately 45 academic staff 35 doctoral candidates and 400 students. Noragric has four research clusters: Climate Change, Agriculture and Development; Conflict, Human Security and Development; Environmental Governance; and Rights and Power in Development. For further information, please visit: <http://www.nmbu.no/noragric/>.

Main tasks

The candidate will be devoted to research the political economy and sociology of religion, conflict and violence, mainly in Africa, but also potentially in the Middle East. This includes fieldwork in the relevant regions. The candidate is expected to publish peer reviewed articles from her/his research during the post-doc. The research is a part of a research project funded by the Norwegian Research Council.

Required qualifications

- Applicants must have a PhD degree, or have a PhD thesis accepted for defence when submitting the application, in an academic field relevant for Noragric. Appointment in the position is conditional on the candidate having successfully defended the PhD thesis.
- Prior research-based theoretical and empirical knowledge on political economy and sociology of religious groups and radicalism.
- Documented knowledge of East/North Africa and/or the Middle East.
- A good publication record of peer reviewed articles, books or book chapters, demonstrating originality, independence and productivity.
- Fluent in English

Desirable qualifications

- Proficiency in Somali and/or Arabic
- Documented experience in research communication
- Experience with security, political processes and diplomacy in conflict situations.

NMBU offers

- An optimistic and forward-looking academic institution with a strong emphasis on professional development and outreach.
- An interdisciplinary and inclusive environment that provides exciting research and development opportunities.
- Daily contact with inspiring students and skilled colleagues.
- Various welfare schemes.
- Beautiful surroundings just outside Oslo.

Remuneration

The selected candidate will be appointed as a postdoctoral fellow within a salary range of NOK 490 900 - 537 700 per year, depending on qualifications. A compulsory contribution of 2 % is made to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.

Further information

For further information, please contact Professor Stig Jarle Hansen, Project Leader, stig.hansen@nmbu.no, or Head of Department Poul Wisborg, email: poul.wisborg@nmbu.no, phone: +47 67 23 13 54

The application

To apply online for this vacancy, please click on the '**Apply for this job**' button above. This will route you to the University's Web Recruitment System, where you will need to register an account (if you have not already) and log in before completing the online application form.

Application deadline: 01.08.2017

The application must be send electronically and include:

- i. Cover letter
- ii. CV with record of publications
- iii. Certified copies of relevant transcripts
- iv. Up to five relevant scientific publications
- v. A draft research proposal of **maximum 1000 words** (excluding references)
- vi. A publication plan for the postdoctoral period
- vii. Names and contact details for two references.

Shortlisted applicants will be called for an interview.

A good working environment is characterized by diversity. We encourage qualified candidates to apply, irrespective of gender, physical ability or cultural background. The workplace will if necessary be facilitated for persons with disabilities.

According to the Freedom of Information Act § 25 the list of applicants for this position may be made public irrespective of whether the applicant has requested that his/her name be withheld.

Jobbnorge ID: 139160, Deadline: Closed