



Jobbnorge ID: 212563
Deadline: 11/15/2021
Website: <http://www.uia.no>
Scope: Fulltime
Duration: Engagement

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in History and Critical Heritage Studies: (Post)colonial Norway

About the position

A fixed-term 100 % position is available at the University of Agder, Faculty of Humanities and Education, as a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in **History and Critical Heritage Studies: (Post)colonial Norway** (Denmark-Norway and/or Sweden-Norway and/or the independent nation-state Norway) affiliated to the Department of Religion, Philosophy and History for a period of two years. The position is located at Campus Kristiansand. The preferred starting date is March 1, 2022.

The position is linked to the Claimed Pasts: Critical Knowledge and Heritage Production research group, an interdisciplinary group comprised of scholars from the history of science, archaeology, critical heritage studies, religious studies, and the natural sciences.

(<https://www.uia.no/en/research/humaniora-og-pedagogikk/claimed-pasts-critical-knowledge-and-heritage-production>)

Our research revolves around the wider societal and historical backdrops against which texts, artefacts and archives are used for making claims about the past. Claimed Pasts thus contributes to the growing research in the field of history of knowledge.

Applicants are invited to suggest an empirically and theoretically sound case study on (post)colonial Norway. We are looking for histories of institutions (archives, private and public collections, museums, among others), epistemologies (texts, images, taxonomies, etc.), and relevant actors. The successful candidate will explore Norway's historical entanglements with imperial and colonial projects. The successful applicant can choose a longer or shorter time period from ca. 1700 to the present.

This successful postdoc project will form part of the Claimed Pasts ongoing research.

Responsibilities

- Conduct and publish research in peer-reviewed formats
- Participate in research group activities and meetings
- Contribute as the author and potentially co-editor of a planned volume

Required qualifications

- PhD in history, anthropology, critical heritage studies or related disciplines. Potential applicants must have had their PhD theses approved by the time of the application deadline
- Experience with archival research
- The working language at the University of Agder is Norwegian. The working language in Claimed Pasts is English. The successful candidate must have excellent reading skills in a Scandinavian language. The candidate must also document experience in working with Scandinavian primary sources and/or documentation of own dissemination or publication in Scandinavian
- Fluency in written and spoken English
- The applicants must have excellent international publications or concrete plans for such publications based on their PhD. Furthermore, the applicants must demonstrate strong potential for excellent international publications based on the project proposal they submit.
- Willingness to work as part of a team
- Further provisions relating to the positions as Post-doctoral Research Fellows can be found in the [Regulations Concerning Terms and Conditions of Employment for the post of Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Research Fellow, Research Assistant and Resident.](#)

Desired qualifications

- It is hoped that applicants will have presented their theses during the last five years.
- Emphasis will be placed upon the project description and the relevance it has with regard to the subject in question and the research environment at the faculty.

Personal qualities

- Ambition, curious to learn and explore.
- Quick learner, motivated and strong interest in cutting-edge research.
- Good analytical and problem-solving skills.

- Capacity for goal-oriented work
- Good communication and team-working skills, inventiveness and a proactive attitude.
- Capacity also to perform independent research

We offer

- professional development in a large, exciting, and socially influential organisation
- a positive, inclusive, and diverse working environment
- modern facilities and a comprehensive set of welfare benefits
- membership of the [Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund](#)

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The position is remunerated according to the State Salary Scale, salary plan 17.510, code 1352, NOK 553 500 - 574 700 gross salary per year. Higher salary grades may be considered for particularly well-qualified applicants. A compulsory pension contribution to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund is deducted from the pay according to current statutory provisions.

General information

UiA is an open and inclusive university. We believe that diversity enriches the workplace and makes us better. We, therefore, encourage qualified candidates to apply for the position independent of gender, age, cultural background, disability or an incomplete CV.

We especially encourage women and ethnic, gender, and sexual minorities to apply

The successful applicant will have rights and obligations in accordance with the current regulations for the position, and organisational changes and changes in the duties and responsibilities of the position must be expected. The appointment is made by the University of Agder's Appointments Committee for Teaching and Research Positions.

Short-listed applicants will be invited for an interview. With the applicant's permission, UiA will also conduct a reference check before the appointment. Read more about the employment process.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act § 25 (2), applicants may request that they are not identified in the open list of applicants. The University, however, reserves the right to publish the names of applicants. Applicants will be advised of the University's intention to exercise this right.

Application

The application and any necessary information about education and experience (including diplomas and certificates) are to be sent electronically. Use the link "**Apply for this job**".

The following documentation must be uploaded electronically:

- An application letter in English or Scandinavian that addresses the desired qualifications for the position as described above
- A curriculum vitae in English or Scandinavian, including a complete list of publications
- A preliminary project proposal of a maximum of 5 pages
- List of reference persons: 2-3 references to be contacted at the final stage of the application process
- Transcripts with grades
- Doctoral thesis
- Up to 10 academic articles and R&D projects which the candidate wishes to particularly emphasise for the assessment process

The applicant is fully responsible for submitting complete digital documentation before the closing date. All documentation must be available in a Scandinavian language or English.

In assessing the applications, emphasis will be placed on:

The quality of the project proposal and its suitability within the overall project

The likelihood that the project can be completed in the time allotted

Personal suitability and motivation, including the willingness to be physically present in Kristiansand

Application deadline: **November 15, 2021**

Contact

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For questions about the application process:

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University of Agder

The University of Agder has more than 1400 employees and 13 000 students. This makes us one of the largest workplaces in Southern Norway. Our staff research, teach and disseminate knowledge from a variety of academic fields. Co-creation of knowledge is our common vision. We offer a broad range of study programmes in many fields. We are situated at two modern campuses in Kristiansand and Grimstad respectively.

We are an open and inclusive university marked by a culture of cooperation. The aim of the university is to further develop education and research at a high international level.

Additional information

Place of service:

Gimlemoen 25 4630 Kristiansand S (Kristiansand Municipality)