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**University of  
Bergen**  
Department of  
Government

**Jobbnorge ID:** 235803

**Deadline:** 12/20/2022

**Website:** <https://www.uib.no/om/84775/ledige-stillinger-ved-uib>

**Scope:** Fulltime

**Duration:** Project

## Researcher position, DIPA, Department of Government

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### Researcher position

There is a vacancy for a temporary position as a Researcher at the [Centre for Research on Discretion and Paternalism](#), Department of Government. The position is for 2 years (24 months), and we are looking for an ambitious candidate with strong qualifications in research methodologies and a keen interest in researching democratic challenges on the normative foundation for welfare states and child protection systems.

### About the project/work tasks:

The researcher position is part of the project "Legitimacy Challenges", funded by the Research Council of Norway (RCN). The overall ambition of the project is to reveal conditions and mechanisms for sustaining legitimacy in societies in which there is a backlash on social and political rights developments. While consistently being ranked high on all types of measures on child rights, child well-being, rule of law and confidence in the government, the legitimacy of the child protection system and children's rights has been harshly criticized by citizen groups as well as from religious- and ultra-conservative groups. By critically analyzing the rationality of the discourses and examining and comparing the citizens' opinions in six countries, "Legitimacy Challenges" will close knowledge gaps on what is going on and the rationale for the protests and critics, how these arguments are received by other citizens, and how governments operate and respond to the critique. The countries the project especially include are Norway, the Czech Republic, Finland, Poland, Romania, and the United Kingdom. Professor Marit Skivenes is the Principal Investigator for the project. Potential applicants should contact the principal investigator for further details ([marit.skivenes@uib.no](mailto:marit.skivenes@uib.no)). For more information about the research team and the project: <https://discretion.uib.no/projectsold/legitimacy-challenges/>

### About the Centre for Research on Discretion and Paternalism

The Centre for Research on Discretion and Paternalism addresses core themes in the social sciences by examining the government's use of power toward its citizens and the justifications of state interventions into people's lives. Important areas of empirical focus are welfare state models, child protection systems, and children's rights.

The research at the Centre is comparative - between nations, systems, and individuals, and includes leading researchers across the world. We are an interdisciplinary group including political science, sociology, law, and psychology. In Bergen, the Centre for Research on Discretion and Paternalism is involved in research collaboration with the Centre on Law and Social Transformation (UiB/CMI) and FAIR, a Center for Excellence at the Norwegian Business School.

For more information about the Centre: <https://www.discretion.uib.no>

### Your tasks:

- To engage in independent scientific research that will result in high-quality, peer-reviewed publications addressing core themes of the research project.
- To participate in the collection, pooling, and analysis of data.
- To support and work with the principal investigator in carrying out the research project.
- To collaborate with the partners in the project.
- To participate in the organization of research activities and events at the Centre, such as conferences, workshops, joint publications, and web activities.
- To actively contribute to the academic life of the Centre.

## Qualifications and personal qualities:

- The applicant must hold a PhD or an equivalent degree within political science or sociology, but other social sciences including law will be considered if specifically relevant for the project. The candidates must have submitted their doctoral thesis for assessment prior to the application deadline. It is a condition of employment that the PhD has been awarded.
- Extensive knowledge and experience with quantitative and qualitative methods, including text analysis, is required, but candidates that have demonstrated exceptional good skills in only qualitative methods will be considered.
- A demonstrated interest in engaging in independent research on at least one of the topics related to project proposals main research areas.
- A demonstrated ability to work independently, efficiently, and cooperate well with others in a research team.
- The applicant must be fluent in written and spoken English.
- Knowledge in either Czech, Finnish, Polish, Romanian or Norwegian language, is positive.
- Motivation to work with and knowledge about one or more of the following empirical research topics: child protection, children's rights, public debate on social media, or citizen mobilization, is an advantage.

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their academic qualifications; their research and its fit with the project; the candidate's methods skills; the candidate's interest in the project's topic; the quality of their publications; and their personal and relational skills.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview.

## We can offer:

- Salary NOK 573900, - per year (code 1109). For particularly highly qualified applicants, a higher salary may be considered.
- A good, vibrant, and professionally challenging working environment.
- A position in an inclusive workplace (IA enterprise).
- Enrolment in the [Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund](#)
- Good [welfare benefits](#)
- The city of Bergen - a unique mix of vibrant cultural life and extraordinary nature

## Your application must include:

- A cover letter including a brief account of your research interests and motivation for applying for the position.
- CV.
- Diplomas (certified copies). Complete list of publications.
- Selected scholarly works from the last five years (pdf). It is important that each of the scholarly works on which the committee should place special emphasis is attached in its entirety.
- The names and contact information for two reference persons.

The application and appendices with certified translations into English or a Scandinavian language must be uploaded electronically at the recruitment portal [www.jobbnorge.no](http://www.jobbnorge.no) (you can follow the link on this page marked "Apply for this job").

The application must include all information to be taken into consideration in the assessment of the academic qualifications.

Closing date: December 20th , 2022 The application must be marked: 2022/17200

Applications submitted without required information or applications sent as e-mails will not be considered. Only submitted documents will be subjected to an expert assessment.

## General information:

Further information about the position is obtainable by contacting Principal Investigator Marit Skivenes - [marit.skivenes@uib.no](mailto:marit.skivenes@uib.no) - phone: +47 95924979.

Practical questions regarding the application procedures should be directed to HR Adviser Gudrun Horvei - [Gudrun.horvei@uib.no](mailto:Gudrun.horvei@uib.no)

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.

For further information about the recruitment process, click [here](#).

## About The University of Bergen

The University of Bergen is a renowned educational and research institution, organised into seven faculties and approximately 54 institutes and academic centres. Campus is located in the centre of Bergen with university areas at Nygårdshøyden, Haukeland, Marineholmen, Møllendalsveien and Årstad.

There are seven departments at Faculty of Social Sciences. [Read more about the faculty and departments.](#)

## Additional information

**Place of service:**

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