



Two Doctoral Research Fellowships in religion and politics

Job description

Applications are invited for a 3 year position in a Research Fellowship as PhD Candidate in religion and politics to be based at the Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo.

Religion and Politics (RelPol) is a multi-disciplinary research initiative with participants from across the department, including the study of religion, cultural history and Middle East and Asia area studies. The RelPol initiative asserts that in our increasingly globalised world the domains of religion and politics are mutually constitutive and shape each other in ever-novel ways. The RelPol focus is on the interface of religion and politics. The research group combines a range of methodological and theoretical approaches with language skills and contextually grounded knowledge to shed new light on acute and complex religio-political issues. The RelPol research initiative is presented in detail [here](#).

The two fellowships will be affiliated with either one of the two following projects within the RelPol research initiative.

- [Mobile Muslims/Invisible Islam \(MM/II\)](#) conducts non-normative, empirically driven, comparative analysis of how Islam takes shape in Europe, with emphasis on discreet social dynamics and inter- and intra-religious complexities in different political settings [lenke]. The successful candidate will design a study on individual, inconspicuous and fluid forms of religiosity among self-identified Muslims in Scandinavia, southwest Europe or the Balkans.
- [Stories of Heritage](#) addresses the cultural dynamics of re-storied landscapes. The successful candidate will design a study on the impact of religious heritage on local, national and/or European identities and politics. The focus of the study should be on narratives and vernacular storytelling connected to specific rural sites and regions.

More about the position

The applicants should specify which of the two projects they will be affiliated with. It is also required that applicant's project is relevant to the wider RelPol research initiative and that this is pointed out concretely in the application.

The persons appointed will be affiliated with the Faculty's organised research training. The academic work is to result in a doctoral thesis that will be defended at the Faculty with a view to obtaining the degree of PhD.

The successful candidate is expected to join and contribute to the project group and to the network and activities of the wider RelPol initiative. Read more about the [doctoral degree](#).

The appointment is for a duration of three years. All PhD Candidates who submit their doctoral dissertation for assessment with a written recommendation from their supervisor within 3 years or 3 ½ years after the start of their PhD position, will be offered, respectively, a 12 or 6 month [Completion Grant](#).

Qualification requirements

- For applications with affiliation to MM/II, a master's degree or equivalent in comparative religion, history of religion, the study of religion or other disciplines relevant for the project.
- For applications with affiliation to Stories of Heritage, a master's degree or equivalent in cultural history, ethnology, folklore studies, the study of religion, or other disciplines relevant for the project.
- The master's degree must have been obtained by the time of application.
- Relevant language skills
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position.

In assessing the applications, special emphasis will be placed on:

- The project's scholarly merit and innovation
- The applicant's estimated academic and personal ability to complete the project within the time frame
- The applicant's ability to complete research training
- Good collaboration skills and an ability to join interdisciplinary academic communities

Applicants who have recently graduated with excellent results may be given preference.

We offer

- salary level 436 900-490 900 depending on qualifications
- a professionally stimulating working environment
- [attractive welfare benefits](#)

How to apply

Applicants must submit the following attachments with the electronic application, preferably in pdf format:

- Application letter describing the applicant's qualifications and motivation for the position
- Curriculum Vitae (complete list of education, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activities, including a complete list of publications)
- Transcript of records of master's degree. Applicants with education from a foreign university are advised to attach an explanation of their university's grading system
- Project description, including a detailed progress plan for the project (3-5 pages, see [Template for project descriptions](#))

Please note that all documents must be in English or a Scandinavian language.

Educational certificates, master theses and the like are not to be submitted with the application, but applicants may be asked to submit such information or works later.

Short-listed candidates will be invited for an interview either at the University of Oslo or on Skype (or similar).

Formal regulations

See also Guidelines for the [application assessment process](#) and [appointments](#) to research fellowships.

Following the Freedom of Information Act (Offentleglova) § 25, Chapter 2, demographic information about the applicant may be used in the public list of applicants even if the applicant opts out from entry in the public application list.

The University of Oslo has an [Acquisition of Rights Agreement](#) for the purpose of securing rights to intellectual property created by its employees, including research results.

The University of Oslo aims to achieve a balanced gender composition in the workforce and to recruit people with ethnic minority backgrounds.

Contact information

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For questions about Stories of Heritage: Associate Professor [Ane Ohrvik](#)

For questions on how to apply:

HR-Officer [Steffen Remvik](#)

About the University of Oslo

The University of Oslo is Norway's oldest and highest ranked educational and research institution, with 28 000 students and 7000 employees. With its broad range of academic disciplines and internationally recognised research communities, UiO is an important contributor to society.

The Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages (abbreviated IKOS from its Norwegian name) is one of the seven departments at the Faculty of Humanities. The Department has a broad competency in the study of religion and culture and in language based area studies of South Asia, East Asia and the Middle East and North Africa. The Department has several study programmes at both BA and MA levels. Among the Department's 110 employees about 40 are PhD and Postdoctoral Fellows.

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