Postdoctoral Fellow in Sociology or equivalent

Job description

There is a vacant position at the Department of Sociology and Human Geography for a Postdoctoral Fellow (SKO 1352) in Sociology or equivalent. The position is for a period of 2.5 years.

The position is part of the research project "Transnationalisation of anti-immigration movements in Europe (Anti-Mig)" funded by the Research Council of Norway (RCN). The Anti-Mig project aims to examine the transnational dimensions of anti-immigration movements, the interplay between informal mobilization and formal institutions, and the resulting societal change. Three overall concerns inform the project’s research questions: a focus on interactions, framing, and outcomes. With a combination of survey data, internet based data, face-to-face-interviews and case studies, the project will highlight the transnational dimensions of the anti-immigration movement in five European countries: Norway, Germany, Poland, Italy and the UK.

The Anti-Mig project will raise questions such as: What are the main forms of - and platforms for - transnational interaction among anti-immigration movements, and what impact does transnational interaction have on alliance-building? What is the dominant political-ideological framing of anti-immigration movements, and how are frames diffused transnationally while simultaneously adapted to specific national contexts? What are the main outcomes pursued by the anti-immigration movement, to what extent are those shared transnationally, and does movement success in one country enhance the likelihood of success elsewhere?

The successful candidate will primarily contribute to WP4 with responsibility for the case studies in Poland and Germany.

The Anti-Mig project is collaborative research project led by Kristian Berg Harpviken at PRIO, and with participating researchers from UiO (Katrine Fangen at the Department of Sociology and Human Geography and Pietro Castelli at C-REX) and the University of Sussex (Alexandra Lewicki).

Qualification requirements and personal skills

Applicants must hold a degree equivalent to a Norwegian doctoral degree in Sociology or related fields. The doctoral dissertation must be submitted for evaluation by the closing application date. Appointment is dependent on the public defense of the doctoral thesis being approved.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate candidates:

- Applicants must have the capacity for independent academic research at a high level, preferably documented through publications in international journals.
- Applicants must have thorough knowledge about the literature on social movement studies and/or anti-immigration movements in general.
- Applicants must have advanced knowledge of relevant qualitative and/or quantitative research (e.g., internet based data, face-to-face interviews and survey data).
- Applicants must have excellent written proficiency in English. German and/or Polish language skills are seen as a clear advantage. Proficiency in Norwegian is helpful for working in a Norwegian institution, but is not a requirement for this position.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to apply to the RCN for additional funding in order to finance residence at a foreign institution (up to six months). Residence in Norway when not participating in data collection is otherwise expected.

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- Salary NOK 523 200 - 605 500 per annum depending on qualifications
- A professionally stimulating working environment
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How to apply

The application must include

- Application letter (up to 3 pages). Please describe your motivation for applying for this position and explain how your background, research, and experience is relevant to the project
- CV summarizing education, positions, research experience, and other qualifying activities
- A complete list of publications
- Copies of educational certificates (academic transcripts only)
- Up to five academic works that the applicant wishes to have considered in the assessment process (a doctoral dissertation or a monograph will count as three publications)
- List of reference persons: 2-3 references (name, relation to candidate, e-mail and phone number)

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system. Foreign applicants are advised to attach an explanation of their University's grading system. Please note that all documents should be in English (or a Scandinavian language).
In assessing applications, particular emphasis will be placed upon the academic and personal capacity of the candidate to contribute to the project within the given timeframe, to interact within national and international networks, and to be part of a dynamic research group. Interviews with the best qualified candidates will be arranged. It is expected that the successful candidate will be able to complete the project in the course of the period of employment.

**Formal regulations**

Please see the guidelines and regulations for appointments to Postdoctoral fellowships at the University of Oslo.

No one can be appointed for more than one Postdoctoral Fellow period at the University of Oslo.

According to the Norwegian Freedom of Information Act (Offentleglova) information about the applicant may be included in the public applicant list, also in cases where the applicant has requested non-disclosure.

The University of Oslo has an agreement for all employees, aiming to secure rights to research results etc.

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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**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 7,000 employees. With its broad range of academic disciplines and internationally recognised research communities, UiO is an important contributor to society.

The Department of Sociology and Human Geography is Norway’s leading department for both Sociology and Human Geography. The Department offers four Bachelor’s and three Master’s programmes. Research, teaching and dissemination activities within both fields are of the highest level. The Department is renowned both for the breadth of topics and methodologies employed and for its highly qualified researchers. Gender balance among the academic staff is an important distinguishing feature. The Department has 35 permanent academic staff, nearly 40 doctoral and post doctoral research fellows and 12 administrative staff members. There are approximately 80 PhD candidates and 1500 students enrolled in the Department.

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