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There is a vacancy for a 2.5 year postdoctoral position at the Centre for Women’s and Gender Research (SKOK), University of Bergen. The position is connected to the interdisciplinary research project "Temporary protection as a durable solution? The "return turn" in asylum policies in Europe (TemPro)’ funded by the Research Council of Norway.

SKOK is an interdisciplinary centre for research, dissemination and teaching on gender, sexuality and feminist theory. The centre has a critical, historical and global profile with focus on the intersection between gender and other structures of power in the society such as race, class and ethnicity. SKOK has a special competence on theory within the interdisciplinary gender research field.

SKOK aims to strengthen gender research at the University of Bergen, as well as playing an active role within gender research both nationally and internationally.

About the project/work tasks:

TemPro is a collaboration between anthropologists, gender- and legal scholars in Norway, UK and Denmark that explores the consequences of temporary protection in the current asylum- and refugee systems. The project draws on an intersectional perspective to explore the implications of increased legal fragmentation of refugee protection in and across refugee law, policy, and the lives of refugees. The project further builds on and extends recent advances within migration studies that approach the temporal dimensions of migration governance. A full outline of the project can be obtained by contacting Marry-Anne Karlsen marry-anne.karlsen@uib.no

The applicant is invited to write a research proposal that outlines an ethnographic research project focusing on how temporary legal status affects refugees’ inclusion in Norway and the UK. The proposal should be aligned with the overall framework of the TemPro project. The research should include, but does not need to be exclusive to, Afghans and/or Syrians as these groups are prioritized in TemPro and have been notably affected by temporary measures. The successful candidate is also expected to contribute to the development of the overall project in terms of integration and dissemination of knowledge, including the development of an interdisciplinary methods guide and podcasts.

The successful candidate will be encouraged to apply for mobility funds through the Research Council of Norway to extend the post-doc period with a 6-month research stay at the TemPro-partner Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations at Coventry University.

It is a requirement that the project is completed in the course of the period of employment.

The postdoctoral position demands that the applicant has his or her regular workplace at the University of Bergen and comply with the guidelines that apply to the position at all times.

Candidates cannot be employed as a postdoctoral fellow for more than one fixed term period at the same institution.

Qualifications and personal qualities:

Applicants must hold a degree equivalent to a Norwegian doctoral degree in gender studies, or a closely related discipline, or must have submitted his/her doctoral thesis for assessment prior to the application deadline. It is a condition of employment that the PhD has been awarded.

Documented academic proficiency in the field of gender and migration is a requirement for the position, and academic proficiency in feminist ethnography or anthropology is an advantage.

The applicant should be able to work both independently and collaboratively as part of an interdisciplinary and international research team

The applicant must be fluent in English. It is also an advantage if the applicant is proficient in a Scandinavian language, Arabic and/or Dari or Pashto.

In assessing the applications, special emphasis will be placed on whether the applicant’s proposal matches the project’s planned activities and areas of focus, along with the quality of the proposal and the qualifications of the candidate. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview.

We can offer:

- A good and professionally challenging working environment.
- Salary in accordance with pay grade 60 (Code 1352/Pay range 24) in the state salary scale, currently NOK 531 900 gross p.a. following ordinary meritting regulations. For particularly highly qualified applicants, a higher salary may be considered.
- Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.
- A position in an inclusive workplace (IA enterprise).
- Good welfare benefits.
About the position of postdoctoral research fellow:

The position of postdoctoral research fellow is a fixed-term appointment with the primary objective of qualifying the appointee for work in top academic positions. The fixed-term period for this position is 2.5 years. Individuals may not be hired for more than one fixed-term period as a postdoctoral research fellow at the same institution.

Upon appointment, applicants must submit a project proposal for the qualifying work including a work schedule. For postdoctoral research fellow positions associated with externally financed projects, the completion of the project proposal for the qualifying work will take place in consultation with the project/centre manager. It is a requirement that the project is completed in the course of the period of employment.

How to apply for this job:

Please apply electronically via the link «APPLY FOR THIS JOB» where you fill in the CV. The following must be attached to the application:

- A cover letter detailing the applicant's research interests and motivation for applying for the position (1-2 pages).
- A CV.
- A research proposal (up to 3 pages).
- A list of a maximum of five publications to be considered in the assessment (co-authored publications must be accompanied by declarations of co-authorship).
- A reference list including all works of a scientific nature (e.g. PhD-thesis, blogs, etc.).
- The names and contact information for two references.
- Transcripts and diplomas and official confirmation that the doctoral thesis has been submitted.
- Relevant certificates/letters of recommendation

The enclosures can be submitted as Word- or pdf-files. The application and appendices with certified translations into English or a Scandinavian language must be uploaded at Jobbnorge.

Any queries concerning the electronic application procedure should be directed to the Faculty of Humanities. Email: fakadm@hf.uib.no

General information:

Detailed information about the position can be obtained by contacting: Researcher Marry-Anne Karlsen, phone +47 55 58 89 31, email marry-anne.karlsen@uib.no.

The state labour force shall reflect the diversity of Norwegian society to the greatest extent possible. 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.

Information about applicants may be made public even if the applicant has asked not to be named on the list of persons who have applied. The applicant must be notified if the request to be omitted is not met.

Further information about our employment process can be found here.

About The University of Bergen (UiB)

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 four departments and four centres at Faculty of Humanities. Read more about the faculty and departments.

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