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Ph.D position at the Centre for Research on Discretion and Paternalism (4 years)

There is a vacancy for a Ph.D position at the Centre for Research on Discretion and Paternalism at the Department of Administration and Organization Theory. The Ph.D position is in relation to the external funded research project "The acceptability of child protection interventions". The position is for a period of 4 years.

About the project/work tasks

The PhD research fellow will work as part of the *Acceptability* project: a large four-year research project, funded by the Norwegian Research Council at the FRIHUMSAM program and the University of Bergen, and will be based at the Centre for Research on Discretion and Paternalism at the University of Bergen, Norway. Professor Marit Skivenes is the principal investigator for this project.

The overarching aim of the Acceptability project is to expand our understanding of the principle of the child's best interests and the normative platform for the values underpinning this principle across societies. One objective is to examine and compare different populations' value sentiments regarding the child's best interests. Another is to explore how court judgements about best interests in cases concerning migrant and non-migrant children are justified. A third objective is to investigate the interconnections between population sentiments and court decisions. The study takes place within four societies, each with different approaches to children, child protection and migration. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the principal investigator for further details.

Your tasks

- To engage in independent scientific research that will result in a high quality Ph.D thesis, as well as partaking in high quality 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 participate in the organisation of research activities and events, such as conferences, workshops, joint publications, and web activities
- To actively contribute to the academic life of the Centre.

Your profile: qualifications and personal qualities

- A Master's degree in political science or in the social sciences (when clearly related to the project topic). The applicant must have submitted his/her master's thesis for assessment prior to the application deadline. It is a condition of employment that the Master's degree has been awarded at the start of employment.
- The requirements are generally grade B (or equivalent) or better on Master thesis and for the Master degree in total
- Knowledge and experience with text analysis
- It is preferable with knowledge and experience with quantitative methods
- A demonstrated interest in engaging in independent research on topics related to the research project
- As an applicant you should be able to work independently and have the ability to cooperate with others
- Fluency in written and spoken English

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their research proposal and its fit with the project; the candidate's quantitative methods skills; the candidate's interest in the project's topic; and the quality of the two writing samples (regardless of whether these are published).

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview.

About the Centre for Research on Discretion and Paternalism

The research at the centre is comparative - between nations, systems and individuals, and includes researchers across the world. The PI professor Skivenes has just recently been awarded a prestigious ERC Consolidator grant. The Centre for Research on Discretion and Paternalism is a part of the Centre on Law and Social Transformation (UiB/CMI), and is involved in research collaboration at the Centre for excellence, FAIR, at the Norwegian Business School as well as with the research group Law, Democracy and Welfare at Western Norway University of Applied Science.

About the PhD position

The duration of the PhD position is 4 years, of which 25 per cent of the time comprises obligatory duties associated with teaching and supervision at the department. The employment period for the successful candidate may be reduced if he or she previously has been employed in a PhD position.

About the research training:

As a PhD research fellow you will take part in the doctoral educational programme at UoB. The programme corresponds to a period of three years and leads to the submission of the PhD dissertation. To be eligible for admission you must have completed a Master's degree. The educational background must be equivalent to a five-year Master's education, normally including a two-year Master's degree and a Master thesis. It is expected that the topic of the Master's degree is connected to the academic field to which you are seeking admission.

We can offer:

- Salary at pay grade 50 upon appointment (Code 1017) on the government salary scale (min NOK 432 700 per year). Further promotions are made according to length of service in the position
- A good, vibrant, and professionally challenging working environment
- Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund
- A position in an inclusive workplace (IA enterprise)
- Good welfare benefits
- The city of Bergen - a unique mix of vibrant cultural life and extraordinary nature

The successful candidate is expected to live and work in Bergen during the project period and participate in common activities at the Centre.

Project proposal:

A research proposal of maximum 5 pages must accompany the application. The proposal ideally includes the 1) topic, 2) the research problem(s), 3) relation and fit to the research project "The acceptability of child protection interventions" ([please contact the project leader for more information](#)), and choice of theory and methods (approach). Admittance to the PhD-programme will be based on the research proposal.

Your application must include:

- A cover letter of maximum 4 pages including a brief account of your research interests and motivation for applying for the position
- The names and contact information for two reference persons. One of them must be the main advisor for the master's thesis or equivalent thesis
- Project proposal
- CV
- Transcripts and diplomas showing completion of the bachelor's and master's degrees.
- Relevant certificates/references
- Two writing samples, one of which should be the Master's thesis
- If you have a master's degree from an institution outside of the Nordic countries, or a 2-year discipline- based master's degree (or the equivalent) in a subject area other than the one associated with the application, you may later in the application process be asked to submit an overview of the syllabus for the degree you have completed

The application and appendices with certified translations into English or a Scandinavian language must be uploaded at Jobbnorge following the link on this page marked "**Apply for this job**"

The application has to be marked: 17/8228

Closing date: October 1, 2017

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

General information:

Additional information about the position is obtainable by contacting Project leader Marit Skivenes, e-mail: marit.skivenes@uib.no, phone: +47 959 249 79.

Practical questions regarding the application procedures should be directed to Senior Executive Officer Anita Helen Spurkeland, phone +47 55 58 90 58, e-mail: anita.spurkeland@uib.no, or Head of Office, e-mail: laila.eilertsen@uib.no

Appointed research fellows will be admitted to the doctoral education program at the Faculty of Social Sciences. Further information about the program is available on the webpage <http://www.uib.no/en/svf/37940/doctoral-education>. Questions about the program may be directed to senior officer Hanne Gravermoen, e-mail: hanne.gravermoen@uib.no, phone: +47 55 58 89 80.

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.

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.

The successful applicant must comply with the guidelines that apply to the position at all times.

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