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# PHD CANDIDATE IN POLITICAL COMMUNICATION AT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, SU-200

There is a position as PhD available at the Department of Sociology and Political Science, NTNU, in Political Communication. It is a temporary position for a period of three years, which can be prolonged to four years with 25% teaching obligations. The position shall provide promising research recruits the opportunity for professional development through studies towards a Ph.D. The position is connected to the PhD-program in Political Science or Sociology at the Faculty of Social and Educational Sciences.

The candidate will join the exciting and growing Department of Sociology and Political Science (ISS) at NTNU. The department has a wide range of research areas such as sociology, political science, sports science, media, communications and information technology. The department has approximately 80 employees and 11 study programmes. ISS is characterised by strong disciplines in social science, with the emphasis on sociology and political science, which contributes to multidisciplinary study programmes and- research at the NTNU. Sociology and political science also influence the department's sport science and media studies profile.

ISS is a leading research department pursuing high quality and innovative research, and contributing to the public debate and the development in the fields of the department. The ambition of ISS is to be among the most outstanding social science departments in Norway in terms of teaching and research, and to have research groups who have international acknowledgement. A feature of the department is the linkage between its research and its teaching at all levels from undergraduate to research students. Our study programmes aim to give our candidates competence and qualifications which makes them in demand in the labour market, and enables them to contribute to the development and betterment of society. For more information: <http://www.ntnu.no/iss>

The department offers exciting opportunities for collaboration and research training in the field of political communication. The successful candidate will join the multidisciplinary 'Elections, Values, and Political Communication' research group (consisting of professors, post-doctoral research fellows, and PhD students), which provides, for example, monthly research colloquia, research collaboration opportunities, access to international researcher networks, and research workshops. An annual research allowance will facilitate the successful candidate's professional development (<http://www.ntnu.edu/iss/elections>). The candidate is expected to contribute actively to the activities of the research group and its visibility internally and externally.

## Obligations

The PhD candidate will be expected to conduct research in the field of Political Communication Research, with a specific focus on the dynamics of agenda- and frame-building in competitive public discourse. All proposals within this field will be considered, but candidates with proposals that relate to quantitative content analysis of media and online content and/or quantitative surveys and/or (quantitative or qualitative) interviews with policy decision-makers or journalists will be looked upon favorably. Residence in Trondheim is a requirement of the position.

## Qualifications

The following criteria will be important:

- motivation for the participation in the field of Political Communication Research
- relevant experience in research or from work or other relevant methodological competence
- experience in dissemination in Norwegian and English

The requirement for the position is a completed master's degree in political science, social science, and/or media science. Qualifications in the study of public opinion, political journalism, quantitative methods, and/or political media/online content are desirable. Personal qualifications such as independence, initiative, cooperative spirit, and motivation to contribute to an including work milieu will be ascribed high importance.

Applicants must have a strong academic record from their previous studies, and must have a weighted average grade for the last two years of their master's or equivalent education (equivalent to 120 credits) of B or higher in terms of NTNU's grading scale. Applicants with no letter grades from previous studies must have an equally good academic foundation. Applicants who are unable to meet these criteria may be admitted only if they can document that they are particularly suitable candidates for education leading to a PhD degree. Candidates that are in the completion of their master degrees can apply, and will be considered, but will not be employed before they have completed their master degree.

## Salary and Working Conditions

The PhD position is paid according to the national salary scheme, from gross NOK 436 900 per year, of which 2 % is deducted for the State Pension Scheme.

Please find more information about the appointment of PhD Candidates in NTNUs supplementary purviews of 23.01.12, <http://lovdata.no/dokument/SF/forskrift/2012-01-23-206>.

The appointment is to be made in accordance with the regulations in force concerning State Employees and Civil Servants. The employee is expected to accept possible changes in work tasks. Primary residency in Trondheim is a prerequisite.

### **We offer**

- Academic challenges and opportunities for collaboration, international conference attendance.
- The opportunity to join a department with a strong background and research capacity in political communication research.
- Opportunities for specialised research training and for stays abroad.
- Participation in the research groups international networks.
- An attractive salary and research allowance (annum), comprehensive social security standards, including various family benefits.
- An open and including, family-friendly work environment.
- Attractive schemes for home loans, insurance and pensions in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.

A good work environment is characterized by diversity. We encourage qualified candidates to apply regardless of gender, disabilities or cultural background. NTNU is an inclusive workplace.

### **Application**

Application should within deadline include:

- A reflection sketch of max. 2 pages about your motivation for and ideas and reflections on political communication research related to your planned PhD project.
- A PhD project sketch of no more than 5 pages.
- CV, recommendations, certificates and diplomas.
- Publications and other relevant scientific work, if applicable (or examples of dissemination contributions) (max 3).

PhD project sketch: The project description should form the foundation for evaluation of admission to PhD - training at the faculty. The project description should outline the titles, main research question(s), relevant literature and proposed methods, potentially including preliminary data sources for 3-4 articles that will constitute a thesis. The description should also include a brief introduction that outlines the project and its contribution to the field. If the proposed thesis is a monograph, then the description should include all of the above information and brief descriptions of the chapter content. The final project description shall be accepted at the latest six months after admission for the admission to be valid.

Publications: Joint work will be evaluated. If it is difficult to identify the contributions from individuals in a joint piece of work, applicants should enclose a short descriptive summary of what he/she contributed to the work.

Employment in a PhD position requires admission to a suitable PhD-program. Application for admission to the PhD program must be submitted as soon as the candidate is employed in the position, no later than 3 months after employment. More information about the PhD program is available at: <http://www.ntnu.edu/studies>.

Information about the applicants may be open to public inspection as provided by the Freedom of Information Act.

Further information about the position is available by calling the Department of Sociology and Political Science, phone + 47 73 59 17 74 or e-mail to Stefan Geiss; [stefan.geiss@ntnu.no](mailto:stefan.geiss@ntnu.no).

For information about processing of applications, please contact HR, Sissel Sæther, e-mail: [sissel.sather@ntnu.no](mailto:sissel.sather@ntnu.no).

An application including attachments should be sent electronically through: [www.jobbnorge.no](http://www.jobbnorge.no).

**Application deadline: 15.07.2018**

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