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Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Social Anthropology

Postdoctoral Fellow in Social Anthropology

Applications are invited for two 3 years positions as Postdoctoral Fellow (SKO 1352) of Social Anthropology to be based at the Department of Social Anthropology.

The positions will be part of the research project “(Dis-)Assembling the Life Cycle of Container Ships. Global Ethnographic explorations into Maritime Working Lives”, lead by associate professor Elisabeth Schober, and funded by The Research Council of Norway.

The Project

Shipbuilding, shipping, and ship-breaking are three rather unfamiliar maritime industries that make up the most crucial nodes enabling the life cycle of a container ship. The objective of the project is to shed new light on the globe-spanning networks around these vessels, and on the workers that are involved in making, maintaining, and breaking the ships. By uniting three ethnographic sub-projects - one focusing on shipbuilding, one on shipping, and one on ship-breaking – the focus is also on the connections and disjunctures between the different components that make, maintain, and break container ships. The combination of ethnography with a large-scale "interpretive" comparison-making perspective will allow for the exploration of some of the key social, political and economic relations that feed into global capitalism today. More information about the project can be obtained at www.uio.no/containerhip or from associate professor Elisabeth Schober (elisabeth.schober@sai.uio.no).

Job description

The Department wishes to recruit candidates with excellent research qualifications within Social Anthropology. The applicant's proposed research should relate to one of the proposed positions (see below). The successful candidate is expected to strengthen this research area within the Department, and to contribute to and participate in other research activities at the Department as well.

The appointment is a fulltime position for a period of three years, up to 10 % of which can be devoted to administrative and teaching duties (depending upon the ongoing requirements of the



project and agreed career development trajectory of the successful candidates). The 3-year period of appointment can be extended by 3-12 months through a Personal Overseas Research Grant after the postdoctoral fellows have been appointed, and concrete plans for the research stay abroad have been drawn up – for details, see:

<https://www.forskningradet.no/en/Funding/UTENLANDSSTIPEND/1254027284466>

The main purpose of the fellowship is to qualify researchers for work in higher academic positions within their disciplines.

Postdoctoral Fellow 1

One postdoctoral fellow to be recruited will primarily conduct fieldwork on shipping- and seafaring-related issues. The ideal candidate for the job will have a solid understanding of maritime anthropology and the anthropology of work, and will come with previous research experience working in this field. Additional language qualifications (e.g. knowledge of Tagalog) are a benefit, enthusiasm for group-work a must. The fellow will be expected to conduct 6-8 months of ethnographic fieldwork, and be in residence in Oslo during the remaining time-period.

Postdoctoral Fellow 2

The second postdoctoral fellow will conduct fieldwork on the shipbreaking industry in South Asia (Bangladesh, Pakistan, or India). The ideal candidate for the job will have a solid understanding of maritime anthropology and the anthropology of work, and will come with previous research experience working in this field. Additional language qualifications (e.g. knowledge of Bengali) are a benefit, enthusiasm for group-work a must. The fellow will be expected to conduct 6-8 months of ethnographic fieldwork, and be in residence in Oslo during the remaining time-period.

Qualification requirements

- Applicants must hold a degree equivalent to a Norwegian doctoral degree in Social Anthropology. Doctoral dissertation must be submitted for evaluation by the closing date. Appointment is dependent on the public defence of the doctoral thesis being approved
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and preferably a good knowledge of a local language where fieldwork will be conducted.

In assessing the applications, special emphasis will be placed on the project description, as well as the applicant's academic and personal prerequisites to carry out the project. A good match between the candidate's proposal and the project's planned activities and areas of focus is a main selection criterion, along with the quality of the proposal and the qualifications of the candidate.

We offer

- salary NOK XXX – XXX per annum depending on qualifications
- favourable [pension benefits](#)
- attractive [employee benefits](#)

How to apply

The application must include:

- cover letter (statement of motivation, summarizing scientific work and research interest)
- project description, including progress plan (max. 4 pages, excluding references)
- CV (summarizing education, positions, pedagogical experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activity)
- copies of educational certificates (academic transcripts only)
- a complete list of publications
- 3 numbers of academic works that the applicant wishes to be considered
- list of reference persons: 2-3 references (name, relation to candidate, e-mail and phone number)

The project description must include issues to be examined, the chosen theoretical and methodological approach and a detailed progress plan.

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system Jobbnorge, please follow the link “[send application](#)”. International 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).

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.

According to the Norwegian Freedom and 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 a.o.

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

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