



PhD fellow in Environmental responsibility and sustainable development

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Job description

The University of Stavanger invites applicants for a PhD Fellowship in Environmental responsibility and sustainable development at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of media- and social sciences. The position is vacant for accession as soon as possible.

This is a trainee position that will give promising researchers an opportunity for academic development through a PhD education leading to a doctoral degree.

The appointment is for three years with research duties exclusively, or four years with both research and 25% compulsory duties. This will be clarified in the recruitment process.

The hired candidate will be admitted to the PhD program in Social Science. The education includes relevant courses to about six months of study, a dissertation based on independent research, participation in national and international research environments, relevant academic communication, a trial lecture and public defence. Read more about the PhD education at UiS on [our website](https://www.uis.no/en/research/phd-education-university-stavanger). (<https://www.uis.no/en/research/phd-education-university-stavanger>)

Research topic

Policies directed towards sustainability, climate change, and environmental issues are controversial. Environmental policies have been challenged and met with resistance from different groups in society. These conflicts play out through political discourses, discourses that can be linked to various identities, relations, and arguments that encourage – or resist – transitions towards sustainability, whether it concerns onshore wind power, toll roads, interconnectors, oil policy or other policies directed towards sustainable development.

The research project raises the question how local resistance in a Scandinavian context and in various settings challenge perceptions of sustainability transitions, and how interpretations of global challenges result in different implications for the local community.

The relationship between the global, regional and local has proven central in contemporary populist and nationalist mobilisations for and against sustainability transitions. Different interpretations of what sustainability transitions entail explain parts of this. But there are populist factions who reject that climate and environment constitute real challenges. At the same time, we have seen the emergence of so-called green populism with the potential to mobilise broad support for sustainability transitions connecting the interrelated climate and biodiversity crises (e.g., Greta Thunberg and Extinction Rebellion).

While the research design, methods of data gathering and analysis may be chosen by the applicant, we especially welcome projects investigating discursive dimensions through any form of discourse analysis. With a point of departure in the field sketched above, the research project will focus on one or more of the following subtopics:

- Political frontiers in sustainability politics: How do various parties, movements, and figures challenge perceptions of sustainability transitions? To what extent are political frontiers drawn and redrawn? What are the implications of this for sustainable transitions?
- Discursive strategies and policy processes: Which discursive strategies are used by whom, when and where to impact on transition politics, sustainable development, and environmental responsibilities?
- Local resistance to global solutions: To what extent are perceptions of sustainability transitions and environmental responsibilities challenged by local resistance, and to what extent can this resistance still be seen as a contribution to sustainability transitions?
- Climate change and/or sustainable development discourses: To what extent are apocalyptic and utopian narratives used in the battles for defining sustainability transitions? How can apocalyptic narratives thrive alongside utopian ones? Which discourses are most prominent; whose discourses are they; and how do they relate to sustainable development?

We welcome projects attentive to gender and structures of inequality.

The PhD Candidate will be supervised by Professor Oluf Langhelle and Liv Sunnercrantz.

Project proposal

As an applicant, you must prepare a preliminary project proposal (5-6 pages) for a doctoral project within the research topic, which explains the problem, relevance, theoretical and methodological approach. Your preliminary project proposal will be included in the application assessment.

During the first three months of the employment period, the project proposal and progress plan will be further developed in cooperation with your supervisors and completed for the final plan for the PhD-project. A project proposal template can be found [here](https://www.uis.no/sites/default/files/2020-11/Indicative%20research%20proposal%20-%20Template.pdf). (<https://www.uis.no/sites/default/files/2020-11/Indicative%20research%20proposal%20-%20Template.pdf>)



Qualification requirements

We are looking for applicants with a strong academic background who have completed a five-year master degree (3+2) within social sciences, preferably

Sociology or Political Science, and acquired recently; or possess corresponding qualifications that could provide a basis for successfully completing a doctorate.

To be eligible for admission to the doctoral programmes at the University of Stavanger both the grade for your master's thesis and the weighted average grade of your master's degree must individually be equivalent to or better than a B grade.

Applicants with an education from an institution with a different grade scale than A-F, and/or with other types of credits than sp/ECTS, must attach a confirmed conversion scale that shows how the grades can be compared with the Norwegian A-F scale and a Diploma Supplement or similar that explains the scope of the subject that are included in the education. You can use these conversion scales to calculate your points for admission. (https://www.uis.no/sites/default/files/2021-04/Conversion%20of%20results_0.pdf)

You must have preliminary experience with relevant research methods, this may include research techniques within the broader field of discourse analysis.

You must also master a Scandinavian language.

Emphasis is also placed on your:

- motivation and potential for research within the field
- professional and personal skills for completing the doctoral degree within the timeframe
- ability to work independently and in a team, be innovative and creative
- ability to work structured and handle a heavy workload
- having a good command of both oral and written English

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- a PhD education in a large, exciting and socially important organisation
- an ambitious work community which is developing rapidly. We strive to include employees at all levels in strategic decisions and promote an informal atmosphere with a flat organisational structure.
- colleague-based guidance programme (NyTi (<https://www.uis.no/en/careers-and-further-education>)) if teaching is a part of your position
- salary in accordance with the State Salary Scale, I.pl 17.515, code 1017, NOK 491 200 gross per year with salary development according to seniority in the position. From the salary, 2% is deducted as a contribution to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.
- automatic membership in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund (<http://www.spk.no>), which provides favourable insurance- and retirement benefits
- favourable membership terms at a gym and at the SIS sports club (<https://sissportssenter.no/english/>) at campus
- employment with an Inclusive Workplace organisation which is committed to reducing sick leave, increasing the proportion of employees with reduced working capacity, and increasing the number of professionally active seniors
- "Hjem-jobb-hjem" (<https://www.hjemjobbhjem.no/>) discounted public transport to and from work
- as an employee in Norway, you will have access to an optimal health service, as well as good pensions, generous maternity/paternity leave, and a competitive salary. Nursery places are guaranteed and reasonably priced
- relocation programme

- language courses (<https://www.uis.no/en/university-stavanger-place-work#/>):
On this page you can see which language courses you may be entitled to
(look up “language courses” under employment conditions)

Diversity

University of Stavanger values independence, involvement and innovation. Diversity is respected and considered a resource in our work and learning environment. Universal design characterises physical and digital learning environments, and we strive to provide reasonable adjustments for employees with disabilities.

You are encouraged to apply regardless of gender, disability or cultural background.

Contact information

More information on the position (and project description) can be obtained from Head of department, Professor Oluf Langhelle, e-mail: oluf.langhelle@uis.no, and Liv Åsa-Maria Sunnercrantz, e-post: liv.sunnercrantz@uis.no.

Information about the appointment procedure can be obtained from HR-adviser Christina Storm, tlf: 51 83 17 53, e-post: christina.storm@uis.no.



Application

To apply for this position please follow the link "Apply for this job". Your application letter, relevant education and work experience as well as language skills must be registered here. In your application letter, you must state your research interests and motivation for the position.

The following documents must be uploaded as attachments to your application:

- project proposal (five-six pages), preferably in English, a project proposal template can be found here (<http://www.uis.no/sites/default/files/2020-11/Indicative%20research%20proposal%20-%20Template.pdf>).
- a two-page cover letter with your interest in this project
- One written sample (and article or MA thesis)
- CV with a full summary of your education and experience
- references, certificates/diplomas and other documentation that you consider relevant
- Diploma Supplement or similar and a confirmed conversion scale if this is required
- publications or other relevant research work

Applications are evaluated based on the information available in Jobbnorge at the application deadline. You should ensure that your application shows clearly how your skills and experience meet the criteria which are set out above and that you have attached the necessary documentation.

The documentation must be available in either a Scandinavian language or in English. If the total size of the attachments exceeds 30 MB, they must be compressed before upload.

Please note that information on applicants may be published even if the applicant has requested not to be included in the official list of applicants - see Section 25 of the Freedom of Information Act (<https://lovdata.no/lov/2006-05-19-16/§25>). If your request is not granted, you will be notified.

UiS only considers applications and attachments registered in Jobbnorge.

General information

The engagement is to be made in accordance with the regulations in force concerning State Employees and Civil Servants, and the acts relating to Control of the Export of Strategic Goods, Services and Technology. Candidates who by assessment of the application and attachment are seen to conflict with the criteria in the latter law will be prohibited from recruitment to UiS.

Employment as PhD Fellow is regulated in "Regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment for the posts of post-doctoral research fellow and research fellow, research assistant and resident" (<https://www.uis.no/sites/default/files/2020-11/Regulations%20concerning%20terms%20and%20conditions%20of%20employment>).

Your qualifications for the position, based on documentation registered in Jobbnorge, will be assessed by an internal expert committee. Based on the committee's statement, relevant applicants will be invited to an interview before any recommendations are made. References will also be obtained for relevant candidates. More about the hiring process on our website. (<https://www.uis.no/en/working-uis-application-and-appointment#/>)

The appointee will be based at the University of Stavanger, with the exception of a stay abroad at a relevant centre of research.

It is a prerequisite that you have a residence which enables you to be present at/available to the academic community during ordinary working hours.

The position has been announced in both Norwegian and English. In the case of

differences of meaning between the texts, the Norwegian text takes precedence.



UiS - challenge the well-known and explore the unknown

The University of Stavanger (UiS) has about 12,000 students and 1,900 employees. The university has high ambitions. We strive to have an innovative and international profile, and be a driving force in knowledge development and in the process of societal change. Our common direction is driven by consideration for sustainable change and equitable social development, through new ways of managing natural resources and facilitating better cities and local communities. Energy, health and welfare, learning for life are our focus areas.

In constant collaboration and dialogue with our surroundings, regionally, nationally and internationally, we enjoy an open and creative climate for education, research, innovation, dissemination and museum activities. Academic life at the University of Stavanger is organised into six faculties comprising various departments/schools and National Research Centres, as well as the Museum of Archaeology. We are a member of the European Consortium of Innovative Universities. The university is located in the most attractive region in the country with more than 300,000 inhabitants. The Stavanger region has a dynamic labour market and exciting cultural and leisure activities.

Together with our staff and students we will challenge the well-known and explore the unknown.

The Faculty of Social Sciences has about 2,400 students and 170 employees. The studies are based on a combination of theoretical and practical knowledge, on interdisciplinarity and cooperation with public and private sectors. New knowledge is generated from both practical experience and systematic research, or a combination of them. The educational offer is varied and includes Hospitality and Tourism, Media, Sociology, Social Work and Child Welfare, amongst others. The Faculty consists of: Department of Media and Social Sciences, Department of Social Studies and the Norwegian School of Hotel Management.

The Department of Media and Social Sciences offers study programs and carries out research within Change Management, Energy/Environment/Society, Sociology, Documentary production, Television and Media Production and Journalism. There are currently 45 employees including research fellows and postdocs, and around 900 students at the department.

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Duration

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