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Website: <http://www.hf.uio.no/ifikk/>
Scope: Fulltime
Duration: Fixed Term

Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas

Doctoral Research Fellow in Design Studies - Designing with/out Extractive Materials

Job description

A Doctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1017) in design history is available at the Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas, University of Oslo.

The Doctoral Research Fellowship is funded by the Norwegian Research Council and is associated with the project [Designing with/out Extractive Materials \(deXmat\)](#), project no. 343173. The candidate is expected to present a research project closely connected to the main project, demonstrating their knowledge of design history.

More about the position

The successful candidate will work primarily on the main project's work package 1, Mining Modernity. The application's project proposal should explore how the exploitation of extractive materials was designed into the material culture of the "mined modernity" of the second industrial revolution (late 19th and early 20th century). A watershed in the organization of manufacturing, this period ushered in the role of the designer and the process of designing in their modern-day configurations, a key component of which is the specification of materials (which types of materials, in which quantities and qualities). The PhD project will trace the flow of extractive materials during the second industrial revolution, with an emphasis on how their exploitation and consumption became an integral feature of modern design practices and material cultures.

The deXmat project aims to improve our understanding of how design regulates consumption. This is to be done by shifting our attention away from design as consumer products and instead consider designing as a process which consumes extractive materials. Moving the analytical gaze from the design of the consumer product to how design regulates the flow of materials from the mine to the mall provides us with a new prism for understanding how design configures consumption and for assessing its ecological impact. The project aims to chart the historical trajectory of this relation and its ideological underpinning, from the late 19th century to the present.

Prospective applicants may contact the principal investigator professor Kjetil Fallan (kjetil.fallan@ifikk.uio.no) for further information.

The person appointed will be affiliated with the Faculty's organized research training. The academic work is to result in a doctoral thesis that will be defended at the Faculty with a view to obtaining the degree of PhD. The successful candidate is expected have Oslo as their primary workplace and to join the existing research milieu or network and contribute to its development. Read more about the [doctoral degree](#).

The appointment is for a duration of 3 years. All PhD Candidates who submit their doctoral dissertation for assessment with a written recommendation from their supervisor within 3 years or 3 ½ years after the start of their PhD position, will be offered, respectively, a 12 or 6 month [Completion Grant](#).

Qualification requirements

- A Master's degree or equivalent in design history, art history, architectural history, environmental history, the history of technology, or other relevant field. The Master's degree must normally have been obtained and the final evaluation must be available by the application deadline. In exceptional cases, we can consider applications from candidates who do not yet have an MA degree, but who are close to completing one. If so, the degree must have been awarded by the time the position is taken up.
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in English, see [Language requirements](#) and preferably ability to read Scandinavian languages.
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position.

To be eligible for admission to the doctoral programmes at the University of Oslo, applicants must, as a minimum, have completed a five-year graduation course (Master's degree or equivalent), including a Master's thesis of at least 30 ECTS. In special cases, the Faculty may grant admission on the basis of a one-year Master course following an assessment of the study programme's scope and quality.

In assessing the applications, special emphasis will be placed on:

- The project's scientific merit, research-related relevance and innovation
- The applicant's estimated academic and personal ability to complete the project within the time frame
- The research proposal's relevance to the main project
- The applicant's ability to complete research training

- Good collaboration skills and an ability to join interdisciplinary academic communities

Applicants who have recently graduated with excellent results may be given preference.

We offer

- Salary NOK 532 200 - 575 400 per annum depending on qualifications
- A professionally stimulating working environment
- Membership in the [Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund](#)
- Attractive [welfare benefits](#)

How to apply

The application must include:

- Application letter describing the applicant's qualifications and motivation for the position
- Curriculum Vitae (with a list of education, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activities, including a complete list of publications)
- Transcript of records of your Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Applicants with education from a foreign university must attach an explanation of their university's grading system
- Documentation of [Language requirements](#) (if applicable)
- Project description, including a detailed progress plan for the project (3 - 5 pages, maximum 14,000 characters. See [Template for project](#) descriptions)

Please note that all documents must be in English or a Scandinavian language.

Educational certificates, master theses and the like are not to be submitted with the application, but applicants may be asked to submit such information or works later.

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system, [jobbnorge.no](#).

Short-listed candidates will be invited for an interview.

Formal regulations

See also [regulations](#) as well as guidelines for [the application assessment process](#) and [appointments](#) to research fellowships.

Following the Freedom of Information Act (Offentleglova) § 25, Chapter 2, demographic information about the applicant may be used in the public list of applicants even if the applicant opts out from the entry in the public application list.

The University of Oslo has an [Acquisition of Rights Agreement](#) for the purpose of securing rights to intellectual property created by its employees, including research results.

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

Contact information

For questions about the position:

Professor and PI [Kjetil Fallan](#)

For questions about how to apply:

HR Officer [Anders Rykke](#)

About the University of Oslo

The University of Oslo is Norway's oldest and highest ranked educational and research institution, with 28 000 students and 7000 employees. With its broad range of academic disciplines and internationally recognised research communities, UiO is an important contributor to society.

The Department embraces four disciplines: Philosophy, Classical Languages (Greek and Latin), History of Ideas and Art History. The Department is also responsible for the introductory philosophy courses, obligatory for all students attending study programmes at the University of Oslo. The Department has about 110 employees.

Additional information

Place of service:

Blindernveien 31 0851 Oslo (Oslo Municipality)