

## Innstilling fra faggruppen i filosofi

### Generelle bemerkninger

Filosofigruppen ved IFIKK ønsker å kalle fire personer til fireårige professor II-stillinger (20%).

Disse stillingene vil bli betalt med midlene som gruppen ble tildelt i forbindelse med prosessen Faglige Prioriteringer. I tildelingsbrevet av 14. januar står det:

Professor II stillinger kan både brukes for å styrke undervisningen, men også for å knytte kontakter til andre forskningssterke miljøer samt å berede grunnen for eksempel til EU-søknader.

Forskningsdekan Einar Lie opplyste på et møte om bruken av disse midlene at fakultetet åpner for å kalle passende personer til stillingene, under forutsetning av at dette er godt begrunnet i spesielle behov og at minst halvparten er kvinner.

Bruk av professor II-stillinger har blitt grundig diskutert i fagmiljøet, bl.a. med en runde med nominasjoner av mulige kandidater og begrunnelse for hva disse vil kunne tilføre fagmiljøet. Disse nominasjonene er deretter vurdert etter kriteriene som er beskrevet ovenfor, og visse satsningsområder er identifisert, med tilhørende behov for forsterkning i form av professor II-stillinger.

Vi har anstrengt oss for å finne faglig sterke og velegnede kvinner, ikke minst fordi kvinner pr. idag er underrepresentert i fagmiljøet. Mangelen på kvinner er dessverre en internasjonal trend, så selv om det finnes meget dyktige kvinner er det stor rift om disse. Gitt våre spesielle behov er det derfor helt nødvendig med kallelser. Det er spesielt gledelig at hele tre av de fire vi ønsker å kalle er kvinner.

Vi begynner med å beskrive behov og potensiale, i henhold til de nevnte kriteriene. Deretter følger en beskrivelse av filosofene vi ønsker å kalle, spesielt deres forskningsprestasjoner og egnethet til de aktuelle stillingene.

### Behov og potensiale

Innen teoretisk filosofi ønsker vi å styrke forskningssterke miljøer i språk- og sinnsfilosofi (rundt CSMN) og innen metafysikk og filosofisk logikk (rundt Øystein Linnebo, samt Einar Bøhn og store deler av CSMN). Det blir de neste årene store undervisningsbehov innen disse feltene, ikke minst behov for veiledning på MA- og PhD-nivå. Det blir også svært viktig å sikre overgangen til tiden etter at CSMN er avsluttet. Sterke forskere innen disse feltene har dermed åpenbart behov for støtte til ”å berede grunne for EU-søknader” og andre større søknader om forskningsprosjekter. For eksempel, Sebastian Watzl er allerede i gang med utarbeiding av en prosjektsøknad hvor Berit Brogaard inngår, og Øystein Linnebo, som nylig har avsluttet et 4-årig ERC Starting Grant, planlegger over de neste par årene en søknad om et nytt stort ERC-prosjekt. På grunnlag av disse behovene, ønsker vi å kalle Berit Brogaard og Agustin Rayo.

Vi ønsker også å styrke vår forskningsgruppen innen moralfilosofi. Også her er det behov for å styrke undervisningskapasiteten i forbindelse med omfattende frikjøp av Fricke, Strandberg

og Øverland, samt ikke minst å posisjonere seg for å søke nye store forskningsprosjekter med tanke på tiden etter CSMN. Her ønsker vi å kalle Carla Bagnoli, med forskningsstyrker innen konstruktivistiske og Kantianske tilnærminger til etikk, noe som vil være et verdifullt bidrag til eksisterende styrker innen dette (spesielt Fricke og Maliks, men også gruppen innen praktisk filosofi forøvrig).

Til slutt ønsker vi å styrke forskningsgruppen innen estetikk, hermeneutikk og kontinentalfilosofi. Her finnes det et spesielt stort behov for undervisning og ikke minst veiledning, hvor spesielt Maliks og Vetlesen konstant blir overbelastet når det gjelder veiledning på MA- og PhD-nivå. Videre arbeider både Maliks og Ramberg med søknader om prosjektmidler. Maliks fikk innvilget NOK 100 000 til å utarbeide en søknad til ERC. Her ønsker vi å kalle Kristin Gjesdal, som vil kunne dekke disse behovene, og som allerede inngår i Maliks' og Rambergs planer om prosjektsøknader.

Anledningen til å ha bi-veileder blant de fire professor II'ene vi ønsker å kalle vil styrke rekrutteringen til vårt PhD-program og bidra sterkt til våre PhD-kandidaters jobbmuligheter, ikke minst internasjonalt.

### **Beskrivelse av personene vi ønsker å kalle**

Carla Bagnoli is professor of philosophy at the University of Wisconsin (USA) and University of Modena (Italy). She is currently a Visiting Professor at the Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne (2014). Her education is from the University of Milan and Harvard, where she was a Special Student, Visiting Fellow and Graduate Fellow in “Program Ethics and the Professions” (1994-97).

Bagnoli is one of the leading European philosophers in practical philosophy with a large number of influential publications in high-rated philosophical journals; for instance, she is listed with 55 publications in the widely used database philpapers.org. Recently, she has edited two volumes for Cambridge University Press, collecting papers by the most important philosophers in respective fields, which bear witness of her central role in international philosophical society.

Her broad philosophical expertise — ranging from Kantian ethics to meta-ethics and philosophy of action — is highly relevant to the research of colleagues at IFIKK, especially Fricke, Maliks, and Strandberg. Her strong research interest in Kant will also provide a valuable addition to one of the Department's existing areas of research strength (Fricke, Maliks, Saugstad, Serck-Hansen).

Berit Brogaard is professor of philosophy at the University of Miami, and leads the Brogaard Lab for Multi-sensory Research at the Center for Neurodynamics at the University of Missouri (St. Louis). She holds degrees in philosophy and linguistics, as well as neuroscience. Brogaard one of the most highly regarded, most productive and broadest philosophers of her generation. She has published extensively in metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of language, and philosophy of mind and psychology and is also well known for her empirical work in cognitive neuroscience. Her work occupies a unique and powerful position at the intersection of this diverse set of areas in philosophy and neighboring disciplines. Brogaard is a highly established member of the profession: she has been, among others, president of the Central States Philosophical Association and President of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Brogaard is editor of the highly regarded journal *Erkenntnis*, and she sits on the editorial board of several other international journals

within philosophy, linguistics and mathematics. Brogaard has published more than 95 articles, has edited more than 10 volumes or collections, and has published one book with Oxford University Press (and has three more in progress). She is Danish by origin, and has existing cooperations within Denmark.

Brogaard would strengthen the faculty of philosophy within IFIKK in some of its central areas. These are especially those that currently fall within the Center of Mind in Nature (CSMN): philosophy of language, philosophy of mind and psychology, epistemology, metaphysics and work closely connected to linguistics and the natural sciences. Her hire would help build on existing strengths and help to provide a foundation for building on the impetus and international regard acquired through CSMN within IFIKK while the center of excellence ceases to exist in its current form. Brogaard's work could be used for grant applications within several areas: Watzl and Anders Nes (Researcher at CSMN) are currently applying for a FRIPRO project at RCN that will concern the role of consciousness at the interface of perception and cognition. Since Brogaard's expertise is directly relevant for that project she will be approached for collaboration. Further possibilities for future grant applications arise within Watzl's areas, as well as those of Ramberg, Gjelsvik and Linnebo. All of these, as well current postdocs such as Jessica Pepp, have expressed interest in such future collaboration. Additionally, Brogaard would be very well placed to strengthen the PhD education within philosophy at IFIKK. Her hire could, for example, be used to provide PhD students with access to her expertise as a secondary supervisor. This is already relevant for some current PhD students like Anna Drożdżowicz. It is likely to be even more relevant in the future.

Kristin Gjesdal (Associate Professor of Philosophy, Temple University) has established a fine reputation in contemporary Anglophone philosophy as a leading voice in the new generation of thinkers engaging with the European hermeneutic tradition. She has published extensively in recent years, in excellent venues. Her research projects and teaching portfolio would match the needs of Philosophy at IFIKK exceedingly well. Gjesdal can offer courses both in the history of philosophy (particularly 19th and 20th) and also on more systematic topics, in esthetics, theory of interpretation, and hermeneutics. She has extensive expertise in 19th and 20th Century Continental Philosophy and its historical roots, going back to Descartes, as well as in the philosophy of literature. After years of teaching in the US, Gjesdal is a very experienced supervisor, and would strengthen our capacity in areas very much in demand among students at BA and MA levels, and where resources currently are exceedingly strained.

Gjesdal's strong publication record would significantly strengthen and complement several of our established and developing research foci; Kant; hermeneutics, philosophy of history; methodology and historiography of philosophy. Her expertise in philosophy of art and literature would also allow us to pursue untapped potential in interdisciplinary projects at the Faculty of Humanities here in Oslo, where multidisciplinary projects in esthetics have a strong tradition. Gjesdal has an extensive international network, particularly in the US and Germany. This means that she would be a highly valuable participant in and contributor to project grant applications to be developed in the coming period in the philosophy section at IFIKK.

Gjesdal is personally strongly motivated to maintain a close relation to IFIKK. She spends time in Norway anyway, and would be able to spend several weeks in the department every

year. She knows the philosophy program at UiO well, and would be able to step right into teaching duties and other work.

Agustin Rayo (Professor of Philosophy, MIT) is one of the foremost philosophers of logic and language of his generation. He has made large and important contributions to plural and higher-order logic, a subfield on which he has had a transformative influence, starting already with his work in graduate school. He has also done a lot to put the puzzles surrounding the possibility of absolute generality on philosophers' agenda, both by co-editing one of the most influential volumes in the philosophy of logic in recent decades, and through his own research and publications on the topic. Rayo has published more than 30 articles in leading philosophy journals, one of which has been collected in *The Philosophers' Annual*, which seeks to represent the ten most important philosophy articles to have appeared world-wide in the relevant year. He has also published a recent (2013) monograph with Oxford University Press, which is at the intersection of philosophy of language and metaphysics, and is already attracting a lot attention.

Rayo has a proven record of fruitful collaboration with Linnebo, having co-authored two papers forthcoming in the premier journal *Mind*. His expertise, research focus, and great enthusiasm for all things philosophical would make an immensely valuable contribution to Linnebo's work on a new ERC grant application. Rayo has already visited IFIKK twice, most recently in June 2013, when he volunteered to give several seminars on his book. The seminars were well attended, also by local MA students.

He would also be a valuable addition as a teacher and not least supervisor at MA and PhD level, where his enthusiasm and strong connections with the US philosophical community would be of great value. It is particularly noteworthy that Rayo since 2008 has been an extremely successful "placement officer" at his department (i.e. the academic responsible for helping their PhD students apply for and secure academic jobs). The opportunity to receive advice from someone with this expertise would be invaluable for those of our PhD students who are considering applying for jobs in North America.