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The Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature (CSMN) is based at the Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas (IFIKK), Faculty of Humanities at the University of Oslo.

CSMN is one of the Centres of Excellence in the Norwegian Research Council's CoE-program. Activities started in 2007, and will last till July 2017. Its principal goal is to understand the characteristic features of human minds and their place in nature. This understanding is to be gained through a comprehensive study of central mental capacities as expressed in (1) rational agency, (2) linguistic agency and (3) moral agency.

CSMN's research topics lie at the interface of philosophy and the empirical sciences; and in addition to purely philosophical research, it will conduct interdisciplinary research involving such subjects as linguistics, cognitive psychology, neuropsychology, political science, economics and sociology.

The centre has a total staff of about 20 and a substantial number of affiliates. CSMN is located at Blindern, the main

Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature Two Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Moral/Political Philosophy

Two Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (position code 1352) in Moral/Political Philosophy are available at the Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature, Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas, at the University of Oslo. The duration of the positions is two years, and the approximate starting date is 1 September, 2013. The main purpose of postdoctoral research fellowships is to prepare young scholars for continuing academic positions.

The Fellowships are to be part of the project "Innocently Benefiting from Injustice," which is funded by the Norwegian Research Council. It is a three year project starting 1 July, 2013. It is directed by Gerhard Øverland (Philosophy, University of Oslo) together with Robert Huseby (Political Science, Buskerud University College), Christian Barry (Philosophy, Australian National University), and Bashshar Haydar (Philosophy, American University of Beirut).

The project "Innocently Benefiting from Injustice" aims to provide theoretical and practical analysis of the question of whether, and to what extent, an agent can acquire compensatory or rectificatory duties in virtue of being an innocent beneficiary of injustice. Innocent beneficiaries are not involved in any way in the injustice itself. They are merely enriched through the injustice. Examples may include differential burdens and benefits arising from human-induced climate change, historic injustices (such as colonialism), and unjust arrangements of international trade and economic cooperation.

A full description of the project is available [here](#).

The successful candidates are expected to conduct independent research connected to the project.

Qualifications:

- PhD or other corresponding education equivalent to a Norwegian doctoral degree in Philosophy or another relevant discipline.
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position.
- Strong writing skills in English.
- The doctoral dissertation must have been submitted for evaluation by the closing date.

Personal skills

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

- the quality of the project description, the assumed academic and personal ability on the part of the candidates to complete the project within the given time frame, as well as to contribute to the main project.
- demonstration of good co-operation skills, and ability to successfully join in

academic partnerships across disciplines.

We offer

- salary level 57 - 64 (NOK 468 100 - 532 700, depending on level of expertise)
- a challenging and stimulating working environment
- attractive welfare arrangements

Submissions

The electronic application must include, preferably in pdf format:

- An application letter (maximum 2 pages)
- A project description of no more than 5 pages, on a theme related to the project "Innocently Benefiting from Injustice". The description should include a progress plan, and a publication plan. The project description must clarify how the applicant will approach the post-doctoral project theme theoretically and methodically, and render evidence that the project will be completed within the given time frame.
- Curriculum vitae including names and contact details of up to three references
- List of publications

It is strongly preferable that the application material is in English (or, if necessary, in a Scandinavian language).

Promising candidates may be invited for an interview at the University of Oslo, and will then also be asked to submit relevant diplomas and certificates, one or two research papers, or chapters of a PhD thesis.

See also [Regulations concerning Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships](#).

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.

Region:

Oslo

Application deadline:

1 May, 2013

Expected Start Date:

1 September, 2013

Location:

Oslo

Reference number:

2013/1732

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