

1 PhD POSITION WITHIN EUROPEAN CULTURAL STUDIES / CONTEMPORARY HISTORY AT THE NORWEGIAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Department of Foreign Languages at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim has available 1 PhD position connected to the research project *Exhibiting Europe. The development of a European narrative in museums, collections and exhibitions* funded by the Norwegian Research Council (NFR). The project started in October 2008 and will run until September 2012. It seeks to understand how "Europe" and the European Union are represented and constructed in European-level exhibitions and in selected national (cultural and history) museums throughout Europe. The position is for 3 years. The starting date is 1 September 2009. Workplace will be at the Department of Modern Foreign Languages

The PhD position will contribute to the interdisciplinary approach of the research project, focusing either on the museum as an aesthetic space examining the various implications of the musalisation of Europe; or on the question how national (history) museums have developed and revised their representation of a common European and the EU's history. Candidates with an interest in European dimensions of industrial heritage sites are especially welcome to apply, but other projects with a relevant focus are also possible.

Applicants for the PhD position should ideally have a background in museum studies, cultural studies and/or contemporary history. For further information on the research project see <http://www.ntnu.no/spraak/english/research/exhibiting>.

The PhD student will spend her/his research at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology where s/he will have access to research training and, if necessary, relevant language courses in Norwegian. The successful candidate could spend the second year of research at a partner University abroad.

Applicants must have obtained a Master's degree with excellent results or to complete a Master's course before starting at NTNU. They should have very good written and oral English and passive knowledge of relevant other major European languages such as German and French.

The successful applicant must participate in and complete the PhD programme in Humanities and the Arts or in Historical and Cultural Studies within the period of the appointment. The disciplines that are included in this programme can be found under the respective programmes: <http://www.ntnu.no/hf/english/studies/postgraduate>.

The position is remunerated according to salary level 45 in the national salary scheme, gross NOK 353.000 (circa € 40.000) annually, of which 2 per cent is deducted for the State Pension scheme. The PhD student will also receive funding for travel and accommodation for the necessary research in museums and archives.

The appointment will be made in accordance with the current regulations for fellowship appointments at universities in Norway. A contract will be drawn up detailing the period of appointment and required duties.

The appointment will be made in accordance with the regulations in force concerning State Employees and Civil Servants.

It is a political objective to achieve a balance of age and gender in the national labour force and to recruit persons with an immigrant background. Immigrants and women are therefore especially encouraged to apply for the position.

Applicants wishing to be considered for the position must send their application in English with all attachments by **10 July 2009**, to the following address: <http://www.jobbnorge.no>
Mark the application with HF 09-032. Application letter concise statement of not more than 5 pages specifying their interest in the research project, briefly outlining their preferred research focus and explaining how their qualifications and academic interests qualify them for conducting research in the field.

CV with list of publications, if any, and information on non-published work.

Official transcripts or certified copies of University certificates. These will not be returned.

The names and email addresses of two referees who could comment on their academic performance and abilities.

Short-listed applicants will be notified shortly afterwards and invited for an interview in Trondheim in the week starting **27 July 2009**. The final decision will be taken swiftly after the interview and applicants notified accordingly.

For further information potential applicants are encouraged to contact Professor Kaiser informally, by email Wolfram.Kaiser@online.de