

Associate professor in History of Religions - Religions in the Contemporary World

The Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Copenhagen University, Denmark, invites applications for an associate professorship in History of Religions to be filled by 1 September 2014 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies works with languages, cultures, religion and society, primarily in the world outside Western Europe and the US. Cross-cultural competences and knowledge of the complexity of the world are of vital importance in the globalised world - politically, economically, and culturally.

Job content

The associate professorship is offered in the field of the History of Religions. In assessing research qualifications emphasis will be placed on the applicant's research and publications on religion in the contemporary world: topics pertaining, for instance, to religious change with respect to institutions, individuals or groups - such as can be observed in authority shifts, religious practices, interpretations of normative traditions and the uses of history - and religion and politics in a globalized world.

It is particularly important that the applicant have a command of the language(s) relevant to his/her particular research and is thus able to conduct contextually well-grounded analyses. Moreover the research should document originality, innovative academic approaches as well as familiarity with the methods and theoretical reflections of the discipline of Religious Studies.

The successful applicant should be able to teach the modules *History of Religions 1 and 2*, *ToRS Common Course - Science and Theory of Science* and *Individually Studied Area* within the B.A. curriculum as well as modules within the M.A. curriculum (with the exception of *Philosophy of Religion*). The applicant is expected to provide a statement of his/her academic and pedagogical approaches to the teaching of these courses.

The successful applicant must be able to supervise PhD students.

The position also involves outreach activities as well as a certain number of administrative duties.

The associate professor is expected to be able to take part in all the activities of the Department, including examinations and administration, and also to manage research projects, provide pedagogical supervision, support assistant professors and participate in academic assessment panels.

For further information about the position please contact the Head of Department Ingolf Thuesen, e-mail: i-leder.tors@hum.ku.dk

Qualification requirements

When appointing a candidate to the post as associate professor, we stress that the applicant must have research and teaching qualifications corresponding to what can be achieved as part of a successful employment as an assistant professor.

The duties of the position are evenly distributed on tasks related to teaching and tasks related to research (including relevant administration and knowledge-sharing). Hence the assessment of applicants' qualifications will assign equal weight to documented competences in the field of teaching, pedagogy and didactics as in the field of research, research collaboration and research organization. In addition, applicants with experiences and reflections on how most effectively to integrate research and teaching activities will be given priority.

Furthermore, emphasis will be placed on the following:

- Research qualifications, which will be assessed in relation to the period of active research, the degree of originality, and academic output.
- The applicant's scientific record, academic breadth and depth, rigour, thoroughness and accuracy
- Teaching qualifications, (including the ability to conduct teaching in both

Danish and English.). See also Educational Charter at http://www.humanities.ku.dk/about/vision_and_goals/educational_charter/

- Documentation of administrative qualifications
- Documentation of research management
- Participation in networks - national and international

Within a reasonable period of time (max. 2 years), non-Danish-speaking appointees are expected to acquire proficiency in Danish sufficient to teach in Danish as well as interact with colleagues and students.

For further details about the qualification requirements for associate professorships, please refer to the job structure for academic staff <http://fivu.dk/lovstof/gældende-love-og-regler/uddannelsesinstitutioner/stillingsstruktur-28-6-2013.pdf> (only in Danish)

Application

Applications must be submitted online in Adobe PDF or Word format. ZIP-files cannot be uploaded.

Please note that each field in the application form must only contain a single file of max. 20Mb.

Please click on the "Apply online" icon at the bottom of the page.

The application must include the following enclosures:

Application letter/cover letter

Appendix 1: CV.

Appendix 2: Documentation of qualifications (examination certificates/PhD diploma, etc.).

Appendix 3: Complete and numbered list of publications. The enclosed publications must be marked with *.

Appendix 4: Research plan, including a short description of previous research and a plan for the coming years that includes an account of involvement in organising research, establishment of research seminars, symposia and congresses, etc.

Appendix 5: Documentation of teaching qualifications and research dissemination (organisation of classes, materials, courses and other forms of teaching).

Appendix 6: Publications. Applicants may choose a maximum of five publications for assessment, of which at least three must have been published within the five years immediately preceding the deadline for applications. Publication dates must be clearly marked on the publication list. The publications selected must be uploaded as attachments and named from 1 to 5.

Should any material submitted consist of work with named co-authors, or work that is otherwise the result of collective academic endeavours, the extent of the applicant's contribution to the work must be clearly stipulated. The Faculty may ask for a signed statement from the co-authors stipulating the extent and nature of each individual's contribution.

Only material in English, German, French, Danish, Norwegian and Swedish will be assessed.

All material will be shredded at the end of the appointment procedure.

Appointment procedure

After the application deadline, the Dean will set up an expert assessment committee to evaluate applicants in relation to the advertised position. The applicants will be informed about the composition of the committee, and will have the opportunity to comment on the part of the assessment relating to themselves before the appointment is finalised.

Please refer to ministerial order no. 242 of 13 March 2012 concerning the appointment of academic staff at universities <https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=140435> (only in Danish)

Applicants will be continuously informed about the progress of the procedure by e-mail.

Further information about the application procedure is available from HR and Personnel Officer Mette Christensen, e-mail: VIPadmin@hum.ku.dk

Salary and conditions of employment

The post will be filled according to the agreement between the Danish Ministry of Finance and the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations. Additional bonuses may be negotiated on an individual basis. A special tax scheme is offered to researchers recruited abroad, see www.movingtodenmark.ku.dk

If you consider applying from abroad, you may find useful information on how it is to work in Denmark before you apply for a position at University of Copenhagen. See : <http://ism.ku.dk/> , <http://workingconditions.ku.dk/> and <https://www.workindenmark.dk/>

The University of Copenhagen wishes to encourage everyone interested in this post to apply, regardless of personal background.

The closing date for applications is 23:59 CET, 18 February 2014.

Applications or supplementary material received thereafter will not be considered.

Please quote reference number 211-0109/13-4000 in your application

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