

Seeking 3 new postdocs at the University of Copenhagen

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Dear colleagues,

I am in the very fortunate position to hire 3 postdocs, for 28 months each, to work with me on a new project at the Department of Psychology at the University of Copenhagen. I received a very generous grant from the Carlsberg Foundation for a project titled "*The Equality - Difference Paradox: National Policies on Cultural Pluralism.*" A short description of the project is available [here](#) and a press release is [here](#).

The advertisement for the positions can be accessed via this link: <https://jobportal.ku.dk/videnskabelige-stillinger/?show=156247> The deadline is **April 22nd, 2022**.

The proposed project aims to examine the scopes and limits of tolerance for cultural pluralism in three different western democracies: Denmark, Ireland, and the United States. Although the three postdocs will work together on the overall project, each one will focus on one of those countries. English is the working language of the group, though the person chosen to work on the Danish case ought to be able to read Danish (so Danes, as well as Swedes, Norwegians, and others who can read Danish, have a preference in that context).

Reflecting my own trans-disciplinary training at the Department of Comparative Human Development, at the University of Chicago, I am comfortable working with students with backgrounds in multiple disciplines e.g. psychology, human development, anthropology, sociology, political science, or related fields. It is essential that candidates have expertise in qualitative methods and very important that they have expertise in cultural psychology, or migration, or morality (all broadly defined).

The project itself comes with a stellar international advisory committee. The team consists of: Richard Shweder (University of Chicago, Comparative Human Development); Martha Minow (Harvard University, Law); Hazel Markus (Stanford University, Psychology); Fathali Moghaddam (Georgetown University, Psychology); and Angela Veale (University College Cork, Psychology). There is plenty of money budgeted in the grant for conference travel and research stays abroad, and to host a mini conference towards the end of the project at the University of Copenhagen. The expectation is that

each student will be based in Copenhagen for the duration of the project. There will also be an expectation that the successful candidates contribute to a new B.A. lectures series that I coordinate on Qualitative Methods.

Congruent with broader trends in Danish society, the working conditions are excellent, the salary is high, and there is also a 17.1% contribution to pension. Health care is free in Denmark. The department even has bikes for newcomers to get acquainted with the city. Copenhagen is a beautiful place to live and work. It is safe, friendly, multi-lingual, and multicultural. It is well connected with bike lanes, metro, and the airport gets my vote as the best in the world.

I currently advise one postdoc and two PhD students in the area of cultural pluralism. [Crystal Shackelford](#), who completed her PhD in The New School, works on multiple projects in the areas of intergroup conflict and cultural clashes in the USA. She is currently on the job market. [Thomas Madsen](#) use ethnographic and qualitative methods to examine gentrification and cultural pluralism in Denmark. And [Bao-Thi van Chong](#), co-advised with Thomas Morton, is investigating issues to do with solidarity and allyship in the Danish context. My aim is to continue developing the group over the coming years with a focus on migration and cultural collisions of various sorts. I also continue my other research on economic inequalities and social movements. I am currently writing a book, provisionally titled "Inequality - The View From Manywheres."

It would be great if you could now take a moment to forward this email, or send the ad, to relevant colleagues, graduate students, or networks.

All the best from Copenhagen,
Cheers,
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