

Til:

HF ILOS Institutt for litteratur, områdestudier og europeiske språk
HF IFIKK Institutt for filosofi, idé- og kunsthistorie og klassiske språk
HF IMV Institutt for musikkvitenskap
HF IAKH Institutt for arkeologi, konservering og historie
HF IKOS Institutt for kulturstudier og orientalske språk
HF IMK Institutt for medier og kommunikasjon
HF ILN Institutt for lingvistiske og nordiske studier
HF NIR Det norske institutt i Roma

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Saksnr...: 2013/12523 HANNEKSO

Invitasjon til kartlegging av kompetanse innen Norden-tematikk

Vedlagt følger en invitasjon til instituttene ved HF om å kartlegge og melde inn forsknings- og undervisningsressurser i forbindelse med en mulig ny tverrfakultær satsing ved UiO. Invitasjonen har også gått ut til alle fakultetene ved UiO. Prosjektet har foreløpig fått tittelen *Unpacking the Nordic Model*. Med utgangspunkt i vedlagte notat ønsker vi at instituttene gir en tilbakemelding på følgende:

- 1) En kartlegging av kompetanse (forskere og forskergrupper) innenfor et eller flere av de tematiske områdene, eventuelt andre relevante områder innenfor hovedtematikken
- 2) En kartlegging av eksisterende emner og studieprogrammer som er relevant for et eller flere av de tematiske områdene
- 3) Navn på nøkkelpersoner som kan være med på å utvikle et eller flere av de tematiske områdene.

Vi ber om samlet tilbakemelding fra det enkelte institutt som leveres i ePhorte, saksnr. 2013/12523 innen mandag 28. oktober.

Med hilsen

Trine Syvertsen (signering)
dekan

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Unpacking the Nordic Model

The Faculty of Humanities has responded to a request from the UiO leadership regarding the possibility of establishing a new, interfaculty research area at the University of Oslo. The initiative will be rooted in the Faculty of Humanities, with participation from other HUMSAM- and MEDNAT-faculties.

Description

“The Nordic Model” is a concept used mainly to describe the common features of the economic and social models of the five Nordic countries. Nordic countries rank among the highest in the world in terms of wealth and equality, and are also known for their universal welfare provisions. At the same time, the Nordic countries exhibit important cultural similarities (and dissimilarities). As a response to the growing interest in Nordic culture and society, the purpose of the proposed research area will be to critically and constructively unpack the preconditions for the Nordic Model, to discuss its future as well as its wider relevance in the world.

Relevant research questions/ thematic areas may be:

- The preconditions of the Nordic Model: history and scientific roots of the concept; historical, social and cultural preconditions.
- The cornerstones of the Nordic Model, such as its institutions (e.g. education, health, law, religion) and its primary relations (e.g. labour, gender, individual freedom versus collectivism, centre versus periphery).
- Nordic stories, identities and beliefs: the Nordic narratives, discourses and myths, the Nordic hero, as well as the role of nature in Nordic culture and identity.
- Nordic safety, justice, norms and wellbeing. The power of norms in Nordic societies; freedom of speech, rights of minorities and human rights.
- Nordic lifestyles and lifespan. Gender, childhood, families, aging, migrants. Forms of belonging as well as alienation.
- The Nordics in the World. Global perceptions of and interest in Nordic life, art and culture, global interest in the Nordic Model. The role of the Nordics in the world, cultural encounters and border areas. How migration (travelling in and out) has existed at all times and left cultural impacts.

Call for action

This initiative aims at involving all types of activities at the University of Oslo: research, education, teaching, dissemination and collaboration with internal and external partners. The faculties are therefore invited to identify expertise within one or more of these potential thematic areas or other relevant areas. Research problems related to these areas can be analyzed in various ways and by researchers from a variety of backgrounds. The goal is to create an initiative that cuts across disciplines, specializations and faculties. In the first place we aim to identify interest particularly among senior researchers coming from strong, established academic fields who potentially can contribute either as individuals or as part of a research group. The plan is to establish a strong interfaculty research area with solid commitment from both high quality researchers and research groups, as well as clear commitments from leadership on all levels; central University, faculty and department.

Educational resources: the University of Oslo already offers several relevant study programs at the BA and MA level. A wide selection of Nordic-related courses can also be taken by international students; some of the courses offered are specifically designed for foreign students. With an interfaculty initiative that centers on unpacking the Nordic Model there is a potential for further development of educational courses and/or study programs.

The faculties are invited to

1. Map the academic competence within the suggested thematic areas or other relevant areas (This is currently non-binding and signals interest in the long term, not that there is time or capacity to engage with these issues right now).
2. Names of relevant existing educational courses and programs at UiO.
3. Submit names of individual scholars that may participate in developing one or more of the thematic areas. (Workshops to take place this autumn).

This initiative is still in an early phase. Based on feedback from the faculties and departments the plan is to:

- Map the existing relevant research resources, prospective research projects and educational resources (e.g. courses, study programs) (October – November 2013)
- Establish an organizational platform (November 2013)
- Map the existing relevant research and educational resources outside the UiO (e.g. Departments/Faculties at Universities in other Nordic countries) (Autumn 2013)
- Establish arenas for discussion and exchange/collaboration by arranging workshops and seminars for the thematic areas – as well as workshops for studies and publishing (Autumn 2013)
- Work towards a budget proposal to be handed in spring 2014 (Early 2014)

Questions about this initiative can be directed at Dean Trine Syvertsen (trine.syvertsen@media.uio.no) or senior executive officer Hanne Katinka Solhaug (h.k.solhaug@hf.uio.no)