

The **Doctoral School of Culture and Global Studies** and **DIGNITY-Danish Institute Against Torture** are accepting applications for a Ph.D. research scholarship with start from October, 2015 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The scholarship is part of the research programme 'Violent Exchange as Urban Citizenship: Investigating Policing Encounters in the Global South', funded by the Danish Social Science Research Council (FSE), DIGNITY and AAU. The programme explores the relationships between policing authorities (state or non-state) and those urban residents that are policed to understand how such relationships shape belonging as well as survival and power relations in urban centres around the world. Central concepts for the research include reciprocity, sovereign power, corruption, torture, violence and urban studies. Candidates are not bound to reproduce all these concepts but must be able to speak to them in meaningful ways in project proposals. While the scholarship is open to all disciplines and geographical focus, priority will be given to 1) projects that are based upon in-depth qualitative methodology and include fieldwork-based data collection and 2) with a geographical focus on Nairobi. Successful candidates will be integrated into a larger research group that will be carrying out ethnographic field work in Bangladesh, Kenya, South Africa, the Philippines and the DR Congo. For elaboration on the programme, see <https://dignityinstitute.org/what-we-do/urban-violence/projects/violent-exchange-and-the-production-of-urban-citizenship>.

The candidate will obtain their degree from The Doctoral School of Culture and Global Studies at Aalborg University and will be employed by DIGNITY and receive supervision from both institutions. The scholarship lasts 3 years and successful applicants are expected to

- Complete an independent research project
- Prepare a PhD dissertation at AAU on the basis of this project
- Participate in PhD courses corresponding to 30 ECTS points
- Teach and supervise students as well as participate in other dissemination activities in the Department of Culture and Global Studies
- Take part in some of DIGNITY's research activities

The application must be written in English and include the following documents.

Kindly note the page limits for the proposal and do not exceed it. Any additional documents that are not listed under the following 3 items will not be considered.

- (1) A *Curriculum Vitae* (CV) (*maximum length 5 pages*) that summarizes the applicant's academic experience. Please include names and full contact information for 2 to 3 professional references.
- (2) Documentation of previous education (a Master's degree and grade is essential; a written evaluation of the thesis by examiners may be included)
- (3) A research proposal for the PhD Project that reflects the larger research programme (*maximum length 4 pages*)
The proposal should clearly indicate the field of study and research problem; possible theoretical framework and review of the relevant literature; possible methodological and analytical approaches, along with a time schedule indicating how the applicant plans to complete the research proposed within a three-year period.

Research Proposals should be single spaced, using Times New Roman size 12 font, 2 cm margins on all sides, numbered pages, and with a header stating the applicant's name. Candidates who do not follow the guidelines will not be considered.

The assessment of the application will be done according to the following primary criteria:

- Does the proposal suggest potential for original research?
- Is the research question clear and precise?
- Does the theoretical and methodological approach appear appropriate?
- Does the research project (including primary data collection and/or field research) appear feasible?
- Does the applicant have sufficient academic qualifications?
- Does the applicant have sufficient language proficiency?

For questions regarding the position please contact research programme leader and senior researcher Steffen Jensen (sje@dignityinstitute.dk), Researcher Morten Koch Andersen (mka@dignityinstitute.dk) or head of the programme, Trine Lund Thomsen (tl@cg.s.aau.dk).

Please send your application to: job@dignityinstitute.dk.

DIGNITY invites applications from all those interested regardless of age, gender, race, religion or ethnicity.

We must receive your application **no later than October 15, 2015**. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.