

Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Science oriented towards Research on Global Energy Politics and Climate Change

at [the Department of Political Science](#). Closing date: 31 October 2015.

Project description

The proliferation of climate initiatives beyond the UNFCCC has led to an institutionally fragmented global climate and energy governance order. The project aims to map the fragmentation of the global climate and energy governance, assess its impact on the effectiveness and legitimacy of the global climate regime, and produce policy relevant knowledge to help decision-makers navigate an increasingly complex institutional landscape. A central task for the postdoctoral researchers will be to develop a framework for evaluating legitimacy in the different climate cooperation focusing on which actors participate and are represented, as well as existing mechanisms for accountability and transparency. The successful candidate will work primarily on assessing how fragmentation – and the relationship between multilateral and unilateral cooperation – affects the effectiveness and legitimacy of global climate policy.

For further information on the project, see the following website: www.statsvet.su.se/researchproject/energygovernance.

Main responsibilities

The postdoctoral position is part of a joint research project entitled *Challenges and possibilities in a fragmented global climate and energy governance order* financed by [The Swedish Energy Agency](#) (Energimyndigheten). In collaboration with The Vrije University Amsterdam, Lund University, and Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) in Oxford, the project is led at Stockholm University by Prof. Karin Bäckstrand.

Qualification requirements

Postdoctoral positions are appointed primarily for purposes of research. Applicants are expected to hold a Swedish doctoral degree or an equivalent degree from another country.

Assessment criteria

The degree should have been completed no more than three years before the deadline for applications. An older degree may be acceptable under special circumstances, which may involve sick leave, parental leave, clinical attachment, elected positions in trade unions, or similar.

We seek candidates with a PhD in Political Science or (related discipline), and competence within the areas of global climate politics, energy governance, environmental politics, and international relations broadly defined. We are particularly interested in candidates capable of working in a mixed-method project as the project will employ wide range methods from social network analysis, structured comparisons and semi-structured interviews. Candidates with a background in quantitative or experimental methods are desirable, though non-essential. Additional merits include capacity to work in a cross-national team of researchers and to communicate research findings to a wider public audience beyond the academic sphere.

Terms of employment

The position involves full-time employment (80 percent research and 20 percent teaching) for a maximum of two years, with the possibility of extension under special circumstances. Start date 2016-01-01 or as per agreement.

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Contact

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Application

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Please include the following information with your application

- Your contact details and personal data*
- Your highest degree*
- Your language skills
- Contact details for 2–3 references

and, in addition, please include the following documents

- Cover letter* describing:
 - why you are interested in the field/project described in the advertisement
 - why and how you wish to complete the project
 - what makes you suitable for the project in question
- CV* – degrees and other completed courses, work experience and a list of publications
- Copy of PhD diploma*
- Letters of recommendation (2 files)
- Publications in support of your application (no more than 3 files).

Items marked with an asterisk (*) are obligatory.

The instructions for applicants are available at: [Instructions – Applicants](#).

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