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2 year post-doctoral position:

New landscapes of publishing and knowledge dissemination

Location: Bristol University, UK

Supervisor: Professor Susan Robertson

The Graduate School of Education, University of Bristol, invites applications for a 2 year post-doctoral fellowship funded under a European Commission, Initial Training Network Marie Curie award. The broader project in which the post is located is 'Universities in Knowledge Economies' (UNIKE), which includes six partner Universities—the other members besides Bristol are Aarhus, Ljubljana, Lyon, Porto and Roehampton. The UNIKE project examines the changing roles and scope of universities in emerging global knowledge economies and regions.

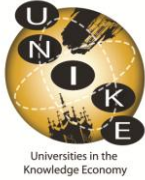
Objectives: To generate an account of new forms of publishing and knowledge dissemination in higher education (actors, activities, financial models and products, histories, interests, effects) and to examine the consequences for academic knowledge practices, dissemination, and impact. To facilitate knowledge exchange within the UNIKE training network.

Research: Commercial firms and university presses are long-standing actors in the higher education sector involved in the dissemination of scientific knowledge. However over the past decade, there have been major changes in the nature, scope and reach of scientific publishing.

Applicants are invited to submit proposals for an original investigation into new developments and challenges in the area of academic publishing and higher education. The focus of the investigation might include the creation and dissemination of new knowledge and cultural products using emerging technologies; open source publishing; the changing political economy of academic work; the role of new social media in publishing; or publishing and academic careers.

Research proposal: The proposed project must comprise an outline of a plan for post-doctoral work that takes advantage of, and builds upon the applicant's doctoral work, along with an indication of a plan to contribute to organizing communication and other dissemination activities across the UNIKE project.

UNIKE-wide responsibilities: To deploy the results of his/her research to develop innovative electronic spaces for contact and discussion among the post/doctoral researchers in each UNIKE work package and



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for dissemination of their research in impactful ways (e.g. student-run webinars, wikis, blogs). To organise the academic content of a UNIKE workshop on his/her research topic.

Expertise: S/he will hold a PhD in a relevant area of study, with a strong theoretical background in sociology, political economy, politics or cultural studies as these are related to higher education. The appointee will be expected to demonstrate an ability to be self-organized, to work in teams and to have demonstrated competence in building communications capacity and in using electronic technologies, and in building collective and collegial activities across groups.

Placement and research visits: The successful applicant will be expected to take up several short research visits and placements at associated partners with a range of experience in publishing commercially and through professional associations to enable knowledge transfer. This includes a placement to Berghahn's journal division in New York for data gathering and to widen the researcher's experience.

Contacts for further information:

For questions about the project, please contact Susan Robertson, University of Bristol (s.l.robertson@bristol.ac.uk).

To get information on living in Bristol, please consult <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/study>

For enquiries about the overall UNIKE project, please consult the UNIKE website www.unike.au.dk or contact UNIKE Administrator Nicolai Paulsen nic@dpu.dk or UNIKE Coordinator Professor Susan Wright suwr@dpu.dk