



Postdoctoral Fellowship: Call for Applications

The Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at Stellenbosch University invites applications for a one-year postdoctoral fellowship to begin in February 2015. The fellowship will support a recent doctoral graduate to work closely with the organizers of the Mellon Foundation supported programme *Indexing the Human: From Classification to a Critical Politics of Transformation*.

The programme

Indexing the Human is a year-long programme of seminars, workshops and collaborative learning opportunities that brings together local, regional, and international scholars to provoke a re-thinking of the past and future of social anthropology and of the human sciences more broadly at Stellenbosch University and in the region. By taking Stellenbosch and its surrounds as a specific locality from which to think through a range of problematics concerning the production of knowledge, techniques of governance and their limits, and the distribution of hope and harm, the programme invites Southern Africa and international scholars to engage with questions about what it means to be human in the particular historical conditions of contemporary South Africa and in the global South. By learning from the ways in which anthropology has understood concepts such as community, race, tribe, ethnicity and nationality, the programme will contribute to building more robust methodologies for tracing how persons, collectives, and populations are enumerated, investigated, categorized and controlled. To unpack these questions, the programme is organised around four thematic focal areas: Technologies of Governance and the Shapes of Politics; The Place of Race; Science, Experimentality, and Intervention; and Kinship, Ethics, and the Everyday.

The fellowship

The postdoctoral fellow will work closely with scholars in the department to help coordinate the programme and further a set of interrelated research projects closely related to the themes of the seminars. In addition, the fellow will be encouraged to develop an independent research project related to the programme themes. The fellow will be provided with a stipend of R150000 per annum, and will also have the opportunity to apply for supplementary funds and research support. The fellowship may be renewed for a second year contingent on satisfactory progress and research outputs.

Applications

Fellowship applications are welcome until **25 January 2015**. Please send the following materials to ehector@sun.ac.za: (1) a letter of motivation describing your experience and research interests, (2) the names of three referees, and (3) a detailed curriculum vitae. The Department would like to make an appointment as soon as possible.

For more information, please visit our website: www.indexingthehuman.org

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