

# RESEARCH ASSISTANT (30%)

## Dynamic Territory (Philosophy Department, IFIKK)



William Lamson, *Hydrologies Atacama*, 2014.

The ERC-funded project [Dynamic Territory](#) is looking for a research assistant. The work is part-time and can be combined with Master level studies. The position is available from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. **Application deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

### About the project

Climate change will disrupt current political, societal and economic paradigms.

- How should we approach a fair territorial arrangement for countries that will partially or completely disappear due to sea level rise or whose main productive activities, like farming, will be lost due to changed weather patterns?
- How will we consider locals and migrants in a world where climate refugees are estimated to reach up to one billion by 2050?
- How should Global Systemic Resources like rainforests be governed to guarantee their maintenance?



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Dynamic Territory (DynamITE) conceptualizes territory as dynamic, and integrates environmental studies, geography and international law into political philosophy, to examine three transversal themes:

1. People in flux
2. Distribution of land and resource use
3. Governance of Global Systemic Resources

DynamITE aims to provide normative criteria to solve conflicts of interest around land and natural resources. The project will develop a novel framework for territory on a global scale, and reassess the traditional rights and duties associated with the ownership of land and natural resources.

While current normative theories of territory rely on the stability and predictability of the climate, geography and demographics, DynamITE theorizes territory amidst instability and unpredictability.

While current theories rely on certain normative assumptions, e.g., that property rights over land and natural resources secure justice, DynamITE questions their adequacy now and in the future.

## Job description

The research assistant will support project members, especially the Principal Investigator, in the following tasks:

- Look for, gather, review, and systematize academic and non-academic literature related to the project's main topics, keeping a virtual library
- Edit and proofread work-in-progress from the PI and other members of the project
- Assist in writing calls for papers and workshop announcements; publicize these in the relevant channels; maintain the project's webpage, deal with different administrative tasks.

## Qualifications and skills

Qualifications: Master or Bachelor student in a discipline within the humanities, social sciences and/or law, ideally philosophy and/or international law.

Personal skills: Well-organized, curious, goal-oriented, attentive to details, self-motivated.

Communication skills: Excellent written skills in English and Norwegian.

## How to apply

Send a short letter of motivation, cv and grade transcripts (Bachelor and Master-level courses) to Oda Davanger ([o.s.davanger@iss.uio.no](mailto:o.s.davanger@iss.uio.no)), copied to Alejandra Mancilla ([alejandra.mancilla@ifikk.uio.no](mailto:alejandra.mancilla@ifikk.uio.no)).

Contract period: **July 1st 2021- June 30th, 2023**. Salary level: 37-47 (depending on qualifications).

Application deadline: **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Selected candidates will be invited for a job interview soon after deadline.



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