Center for Applied Ecological Thinking (CApE) UCPH Humanities Fellow
Call for applications for coming academic years

Deadline: October 28th, 2022

CApE now opens for applications from UCPH Humanities permanent faculty to become the center's Humanities Fellow and be based in the center in the academic year 2023-2024 or the academic year 2024-2025. Both periods are open for applications now to enable longer term planning. The CApE Humanities Fellowship offers full buyout for up to one year from non-research obligations to develop new research ideas in applied ecological thinking and to co-organize the center’s seminars and outreach. Researchers can either apply individually or as a two-person shared fellowship if a collaboration strengthens the ideas, activities and projects proposed. It is also possible to apply individually to be fellow for one semester only if other duties only allow for this. Please see here for a detailed description of the center’s rationale and activities.

CApE draws on the humanities’ great reservoirs of knowledge of culture, ethics, history, communication, imagination, religion, art, and language to respond to the imminent crisis, to reconceptualize current ecological thinking, and to engage with stakeholders in the pursuit of new, applied pathways towards global sustainability.

In CApE, researchers collaborate with practitioners and stakeholders to investigate human relationships with nature and resources and to develop sustainable solutions. CApE contributes to green transformations by making the humanities’ vast research expertise and knowledge available to the public and key communities. The center is a forum for activities to promote research and engagement with the outside world in the form of debate events, lectures, teaching, corporate collaborations, and public affairs work.

CApE is located in Læderstræde 20, co-housed by think tanks, NGOs, and other green organizations. This provides opportunities for the Humanities Fellow to create new collaborations and networks across these actors. The center has funds for the fellow to invite leading international research colleagues to join seminars and conferences. The permanent center staff will support the fellow in terms of creating the basis for new funding opportunities in environmental humanities and applied ecological approaches. Physically, the fellow will work from Læderstræde 20 with the rest of the center staff. The center provides both possibilities for testing ideas with colleagues in open spaces and for focused work in quiet office spaces.

There are two dimensions to the work of Humanities Fellows in the center. The fellow will develop research ideas and research events that provide new perspectives on applied ecological thinking. Further, the fellow will collaborate with the center’s permanent staff and international fellows and visitors to develop events for the public and selected stakeholders that make the expertise of Humanities Fellows directly accessible for the green transition in Denmark.

1 This call welcomes applications for the two coming academic years. However, the 2024-2025 fellowship can be subject to a new call in 2023, depending on how previous fellows have worked across CApE’s clusters.
The center selects the Humanities Fellow for each year via application and candidates are asked to supply the following to the center:

- The candidate's motivation to participate in the center. This includes a reflection on how the candidate’s research expertise can support applied ecological thinking in one or more of the center’s clusters (Ethics, Time, Culture, Aesthetics, Communication) and what research projects the candidate’s work can lead to in the longer term (max 1 pages).
- Plan for the year (or semester) with draft descriptions of a) seminars, and activities/output that can support the center’s ambitions and b) new research project development (max 3 pages).
- CV (max 3 pages).
- Approval of the relevant buyout period from the candidate’s head of department.

Please send your application (in either Danish or English) as one/aggregated pdf file to Anne Sofie Lindberg Knudsen, aslk@hum.ku.dk.

Applications will be assessed by the center manager and the center's steering group and the decision is announced after a short round of interviews.

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