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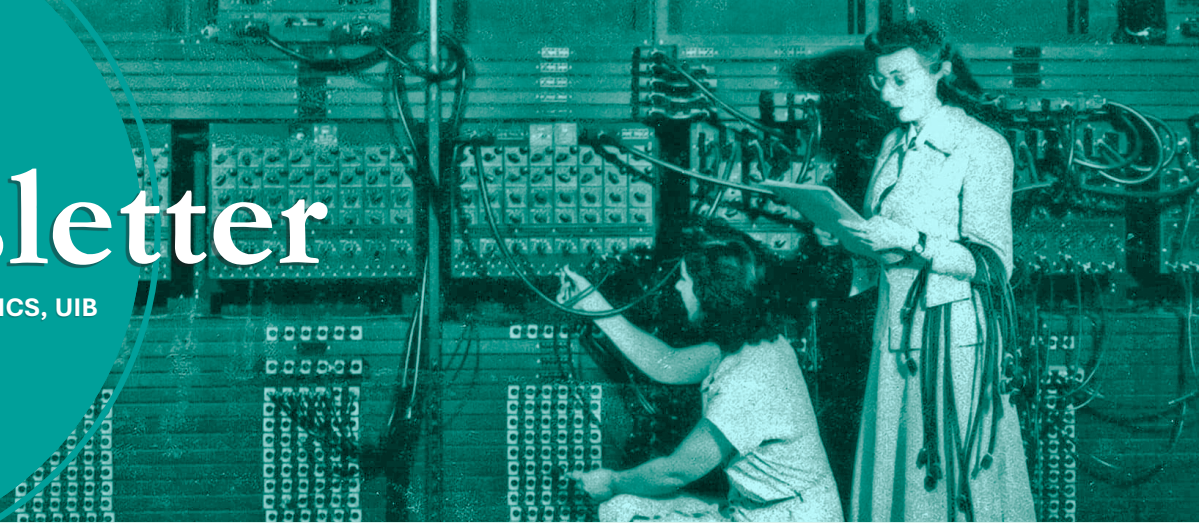
Dear Colleagues,

This is a busy period with teaching getting up to full speed, but I hope you can find the time to read our newsletter – and hopefully still have some attention left for university goings-on.

Within our university there are important processes and elections coming up that I hope you will engage in. At the faculty level, there will be an election for new representatives for all groups (permanent scientific staff, temporary scientific staff, technical/administrative staff and students respectively). At the university level we will elect a new and board members representing the same groups. (Learn more here)

When it comes to the rector election, two teams have come forward so far and by February 5th, we will know all candidates. It makes a difference who is rector, and the university and faculty boards make important decisions. So please spend a bit of time learning about the candidates and use your vote! You may even want to step forward and be a candidate! When it comes to the rector election, there will be debates and a town hall meeting at our faculty to get to know the candidates. I hope you will engage and use your vote in the election!

At our faculty, the dean and heads of departments are not elected. The positions are announced for terms of four years. As it happens, both the dean and I will reach the end of our employment contracts this year and the position as head of department is now open. Anybody can apply, and I have already submitted an application.

I would also encourage you all to engage in outreach and public discourse. We live in times when politicians in power choose to ignore science and democracy is under threat in an increasing number of countries. As researchers we have an extra obligation to help ensure that debates and discussions are as well informed as possible. We can contribute by informing the public on informatics and artificial intelligence, and I am glad several members of staff are active in this area!
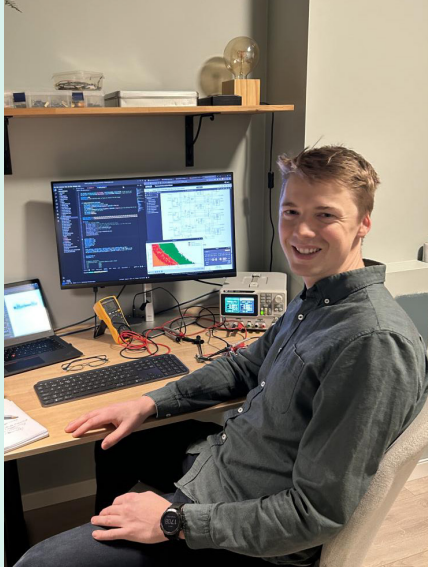
I wish you all a very nice weekend!

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The Dean's Blog - Gunn Mangerud

The Dean's blog aims to inform us of ongoing work and processes at The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. Her latest posts:

- Nytt kurs i undervisningsmetoder for undervisningsassistenter og gruppeledere
- Oppsummering av 2024

PhD updates

Upcoming defence...

Amund Askeland

Amund Askeland will defend his thesis "Explorations of Physical Attacks Against Embedded Systems and Their Defences" on the 5th of February from 10:15 to 13:00 in Lite auditorium.

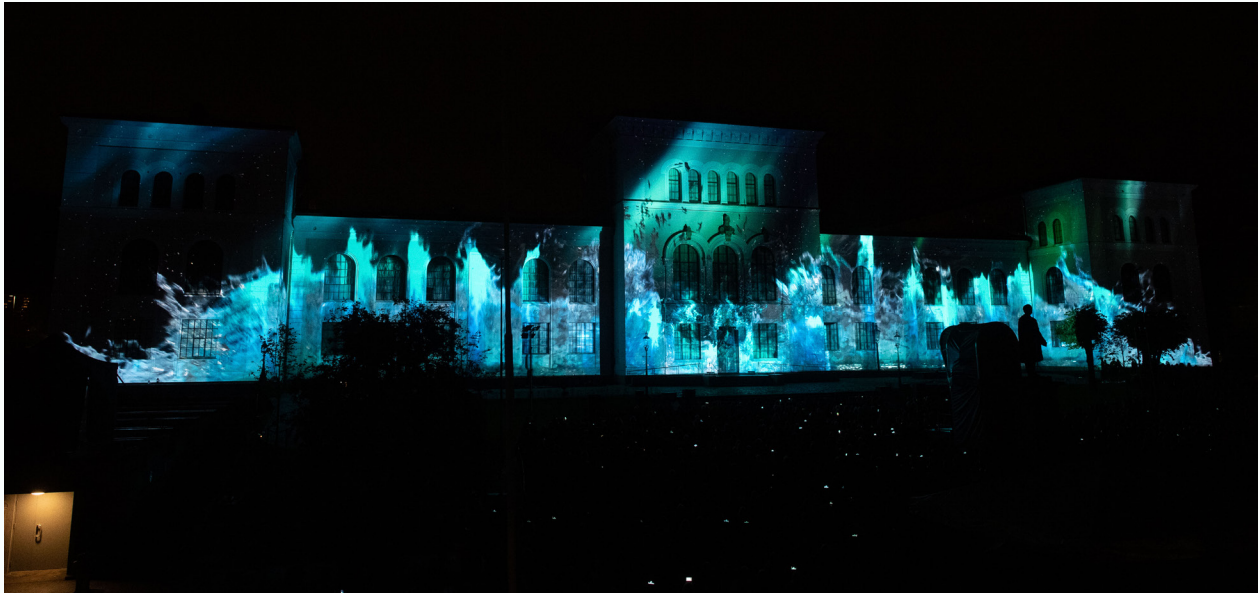Read more: Disputas, Amund Askeland

Welcome new colleagues

Håkon Forshaw Tvedt

Håkon has just finished his master's degree in administration and organisational theory, and will be temping in the study section for the next three months.

Welcome, Håkon!

Current issues

NOTE! New date due to weather conditions

3D light show at the University Museum

Join us on a magical journey through the University of Bergen's 200-year history with a spectacular 3D light show! On January 25th and 26th, you can experience light art projected directly onto the façade of the University Museum.

Note that the Friday screening has been cancelled due to the weather forecast.

The schedule for the light show is:
•   Saturday, January 25: 17:30 and 18:30
•   Sunday, January 26: 18:00 and 19:00

The museum has free admission the whole weekend.

Read more: Experience the spectacular 3D light show...

PhD seminars on writing, searching and data management

Course dates:
March 11th 09:15-15:00
March 18th 09:15-15:00
April 8th 09:15-15:00
April 29th 09:15-14:00

ECTS credits: 1*

University library course: This course for PhD candidates at the Faculty of Science and Technology provides candidates with the tools to efficiently manage their research projects and publish the results.

The course covers evaluating and managing existing literature, refining data management, and publishing strategy for research projects and includes hands-on experience with academic writing (details in the drop-down menu below). To complete the course, you must be present at 3 of 4 separate course days and have all three written assignments approved*.

Read more and register: PhD seminars

Sign up before the 15th of February.

Women's self defence course

You can now sign up for the women's self-defence course 2025.

We invite female students and staff at the Department of Informatics to a self-defense course, which is divided into two days with three course hours per day.
Day 1: Tuesday March 11 at 15:00

Location: Høyteknologisenteret, 4th floor in the lunchroom "Skogen" (408N1). We will start with pizza and an hour of theory. After the theory session, we will walk together to Sammen City for two hours of practical training.

Day 2: Thursday March 13 at 16:00

Location: Sammen City. We will meet directly at Sammen City for three hours of practical training. After the course, we will go together to eat and have a social gathering.

This is a beginner course, so no prior knowledge is required. It might be a good idea to bring a change of clothes.

There are only 25 spots available, so it is very important to inform Kine Marie Fleime Møll (kine-marie.moll@uib. no) if you have signed up but are unable to attend.

If you have questions about registration or other information about the course, contact Kine Marie Fleime Møll. kine-marie.moll@uib.no

First aid course

You can now sign up for the first aid course 2025

Date: Tuesday, March 25
Time: 09:30 - 12:30
Location: Blåbær (505O2)

Suitable for everyone.

Participants will learn basic life-saving first aid. The course is designed to combine theoretical instruction with practical exercises.

Actual "first aid" stock photo suggested by pixabay.

CEDAS Data Science Hackathon

31.01.2025 - 16.00–02.02.2025 - 23.59

Registration for the CEDAS Data Science Hackathon 2025 is open until the 29th of January.

For more information, including the event timeline and evaluation process, please have a look at our event website, or contact the organizing committee.

International HR Newsletter

Are you an international researcher or staff member?

Read about upcoming events that may be relevant to you in the January edition of the international newsletter.

Our competitors in newsletterology

Did you know there are other people who also make newsletters?

Here are a few that may be relevant to you:

- **UiB Ferd newsletter**
- **Nytt fra W4-prosjektet (In Norwegian, only available to UiB employees)**
- **Eitri Medical Incubator**
- **Newsletter for international UiB staff**

Announcement: Election 2025

In the spring of 2025, we will elect Rector and Pro-Rector, as well as new members to the University Board for the term 01.08.2025-31.07.2029.

Candidates must be submitted no later than February 5th at 12:00 PM.

Read more:
Announcement election 2025

University Library Open Science webinars

Open Science webinars planned for the spring of 2025:

07.02.2025 How and where can you archive research data?

21.02.2025 Research Data Management (RDM) in the active phase of research

21.03.2025 How to manage and share sensitive research data

04.04.2025 Hands-On Data Management Planning

09.05.2025 Make your research visible and open using researcher profiles

23.05.2025 Research Data Management: Humanities, Law, Fine Arts

UiB FERD
career center for early stage researchers

UiB Ferd Career Centre supports doctoral candidates, postdoctoral fellows, researchers and associate professors. We offer a range of services designed to help you develop your career within or beyond the university. You can read more and sign up for the UiB Ferd newsletter here.

Upcoming events:

07.02.2025: How and where can you archive your research data? (Course)
Registration deadline: 06.02.2025 at 12:00

21.02.2025: Research Data Management (RDM) in the active phase of research (Course)
Registration deadline: 20.02.2025 at 12:00

12.03.2025: Introduction to OpenRefine for Data Cleaning (Workshop)
Registration deadline: 11.03.2025 at 12:00

21.03.2025: How to manage and share sensitive research data (Course)
Registration deadline: 20.03.2025 at 12:00

04.11.2025: Hands-On Data Management Planning (Course)
Registration deadline: 03.04.2025 at 10:00

08.04.2025: UiB Ferd CAREER DAYS 2025 (Event)
Starts - Event ends at 10.04.2025

09.04.2025: Getting started with LaTeX (Course)
Registration deadline: 07.04.2025 at 12:00

Vacant positions

Professor / Associate Professor in Visual Data Science / Visualization

See all vacant positions at UiB

Please visit the **HSE page on uib.no** for info about health and safety efforts at our department, as well as info about your representatives

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Forskningsrådet

***New* Researcher Project for Scientific Renewal (Thematic Call):** "The purpose of this call is to [promote innovation and development in research that can contribute to advancing the international research front within the topics specified in the call](). The call is therefore aimed at researchers who have demonstrated the ability to conduct research of high scientific quality."

Application deadline: 5 March 2025

Forskningsrådet

***New* Large Interdisciplinary Researcher Project (Thematic Call):** "The purpose is to [move the research front in climate and nature risk]() – effects, consequences and solutions for society through interdisciplinary projects with larger allocations. We support researchers from different disciplines who together will generate new knowledge that would not have been possible to achieve without interdisciplinary collaboration. Applicants must have demonstrated the ability to conduct research of high scientific quality."

Application deadline: 5 March 2025

UiB ide: "UiB idé gives employees and students the opportunity to [apply for support to test and develop good innovation ideas](). [...] The maximum funding amount is NOK 500,000 for researcher projects, and NOK 100,000 for student projects."

Application deadline: 14 February 2025

Forskningsrådet

***New* Researcher Project for Early Career (Thematic Call):** "The purpose of this call is to give researchers the opportunity to [pursue their own ideas and to lead a research project within the topics specified in the call](). The call is aimed at researchers at an early stage in their careers, 2–7 years after the defence of an approved doctorate, who have demonstrated the potential to conduct research of high scientific quality."

Application deadline: 5 March 2025

Forskningsrådet

Public sector PhD: "Employers in the public sector can apply for the [Public Sector PhD scheme (OFFPHD)]() on support for an employee to complete a doctoral project. The project must be relevant to the entity's area of responsibility and build knowledge and expetise that is relevant and applicable to the public sector body."

Application deadline: 12 March 2025

Forskningsrådet

***New* Support for Research Day events:** You can apply for support for events held during this year's Research Days, both physical and digital events.

Application deadline: 12 March 2025

Forskningsrådet

Industrial PhD: "Under the Industrial PhD scheme, a company collaborates with a university or university college on a doctoral project. The doctoral project is carried out by an employee and must be of clear relevance to the company's activities."

Application deadline: 12 March 2025

Forskningsrådet

Collaborative projects: The Research Council of Norway has published information about Collaborative Project to Meet Societal and Industry-related Challenges. "The purpose of this call is to encourage research organisations to collaborate with relevant actors from society and the industry sector to develop new knowledge and build research expertise that is necessary to address important societal challenges. We require that you collaborate with at least two relevant actors outside the research sector."

Application deadline: 5 March 2025

Forskningsrådet

Competence-building projects: The Research Council of Norway has published information about Competence-building Project for Industry. "The purpose of this call is to encourage research organisations to cooperate with trade and industry to generate knowledge that the industry sector and society need to solve major societal and industry challenges. We require the business sector to provide cash financing for the projects."

Application deadline: 5 March 2025

Forskningsrådet

ICT research: The Research Council of Norway has opened a call for Researcher Project for ICT Renewal and Development. «The purpose of this call is to promote innovation and development in research that can contribute to advancing the international research front in ICT, including digital security and sovereignty, the next generation of data processing/ICT systems and other ICT research areas.»

Application deadline: open-ended

Forskningsrådet

FRIPRO: The Research Council of Norway has published information about the current FRIPRO (groundbreaking research) calls on their website.

- Researcher Project for Experienced Scientists (FRIPRO)
- Researcher Project for Early Career Scientists (FRIPRO)
- Three-year Researcher Project with International Mobility (FRIPRO)

Application deadline: open-ended

Forskningsrådet

Maritime Research Centre for Artificial Intelligence: "The purpose of this call is to establish a research centre for the application and development of artificial intelligence (AI) for the benefit of maritime stakeholders. The Maritime Artificial Intelligence Centre (MAI centre) will increase innovation for maritime stakeholders and value creation for maritime companies through increased use of AI." Application deadline: 12 March 2025

ERC work programme 2025: The ERC has published their work programme for 2025, including the following deadlines:

- AdG-2025: 28 Aug 2025
- SyG-2025: 6 Nov 2024

New **Young CAS Grant:** "Early-career scholars can apply for a Young CAS Grant to establish a research group and gain valuable experience from organising multiple workshops and a two-month research stay at the Centre."

Call will be announced in February 2025.

New **MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (PFs):** "The objective of PFs is to support researchers' careers and foster excellence in research. The Postdoctoral Fellowships action targets researchers holding a PhD who wish to carry out their research activities abroad, acquire new skills and develop their careers. PFs help researchers gain experience in other countries, disciplines and non-academic sectors."

Application deadline: 10 September 2025 (tentative)

New **UiB Global Challenges:** UiB has issued a call within its strategic area "Global Challenges". Funding covers meeting, seminar and travel costs needed to develop cross-disciplinary research activities. Proposals need to include concrete plans for research collaboration and future grant applications.

Employees at Postdoc, researcher, Assoc./Professor level with UiB as their main employer can apply.

At least 2 UiB faculties need to participate in an application to this call. This year's main topic is inequality.

Application deadline: 1 March 2025

NB: Please contact Stefanie Meyer about the support letter at least two weeks before the deadline!

New **Utrecht Network Young Researcher's Grant:** "This grant is intended for self-organized mobility at one of the Utrecht Network partner universities. The period of mobility [at least 4 weeks] must start between 1 May 2025-31 March 2026." This is primarily for master and PhD students, who do not qualify for Erasmus funding.

Application deadline: 20 February 2025