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**Notice of  
CEMO BOARD MEETING (circulation)**

**21 February 2017**

Summoned: Rita Hvistendahl (chair), Ola Erstad (IPED), Øistein Anmarkrud (ISP),  
David Rutkowski (employee rep.), Hanna F. Skjeie (student rep.)  
From the adm.: Øystein Andresen (Higher Executive Officer CEMO)  
Copy: Sigrid Blömeke (director CEMO), Linda Valdø-Schwarz (HR)

**AGENDA**

**LIST OF ITEMS**

Approval of list of items

**ITEMS FOR DECISION**

**Item 1/2017                      Extension of employment for visiting scholar by 1 year**

Tyler Matta, postdoctoral fellow from the U.S.A., received the announced Gustafsson-Skrondal Visiting Scholarship in 2016, after competing with several strong candidates. He was hired from Oct 1, 2016, and his current contract ends Sep 30, 2017.

Matta is working on a project with funding from the Norwegian Research Council under the supervision of the project leader, Leslie Rutkowski. Matta's expertise is of great value to the project. Of that reason, CEMO would like to offer an extension of his contact by 1 year, i.e. with a new final date of employment set to Sep 30, 2018. The extension will be funded from the Gustafsson-Skrondal Visiting Scholarship funds, an expense already accounted for in the long-term CEMO budget.

The Gustafsson-Skrondal Visiting Scholarship's next announcement will be postponed by 1 year, to spring 2018, if Matta is granted one year's extension of his contract.

We hereby ask for permission to extend Tyler Matta's contract by 1 year in the position as researcher (SKO 1108).

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**Suggested decision:**

*The CEMO board approves the extension of Tyler Matta's contract by 1 year (new final date of employment: 30 September 2018).*

**Item 2/2017**

**Extension of employment for PhD-candidate, from 3 to 4 years**

Kondwani Kajera Mughogho, a PhD-candidate from Malawi, is working on the Norwegian Research Council-funded project, *Embracing Heterogeneity in International Surveys: Optimal Test Design and Parameter Estimation*, under the supervision of the project leader, Leslie Rutkowski. He has a 3-year contract that started November 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, and he is exclusively funded by the aforementioned NRC project.

CEMO would like to include Mughogho in other practical tasks at the Centre, and therefore offer him a 4th year. A 4th year will be funded from the CEMO budget, and a meeting with the Economy department showed that there is enough funding in the budget to offer Mughogho an extension of his contract.

We hereby ask for permission to extend Kondwani Kajera Mughogho's contract by 1 year, from a 3-year PhD-contract (without duty work) into a 4 –year PhD-contract (including duty work for the Centre).

**Suggested decision:**

*The CEMO board approves the extension of Kondwani Kajera Mughogho's contract by 1 year (new final date of employment: 30 September 2018)*

**Item 3/2017**

**Approval of announcement for PhD candidate (ePhorte 2016/6403)**

The position has a duration of four years under the supervision of project leader Associate Professor Johan Braeken. It will be financed by the Norwegian Research Council's Young Research Talents. See attachment 1 for vacancy announcement.

CEMO's Associate Professor Johan Braeken sent a grant application to 'unge forskertalenter – FRIRO' entitled: '*Latent Variable Factor Mixture Models to track Longitudinal Differentiation Patterns*'. Johan Braeken's application was granted and one full-time PhD-candidate is funded for four years by this project.

The project focusses on basic methodological research but deals with a central topic within both education and psychology because it will examine how to measure and model different developmental patterns. When development does not simply mean linear growth or decrease but requires redefining the understanding and definition of a

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characteristics, alternative ways to measure and model patterns beyond existing growth comparisons need to be provided.

The project will thus generate new methodological knowledge, and will advance the field of educational measurement nationally and internationally.

The announcement deviates slightly from the template currently used at the Faculty of Education (see the four places marked out in yellow). A decision whether this deviance is possible or not will be made by the dean before tilsettingsutvalget (TU) discusses the announcement on March 23.

**Suggested decision:**

*The CEMO board approves the draft announcement for the positions PhD candidate under the condition that the final version sent to TU follows the decision made by the dean.*

Rita Hvistendahl  
Chair of the board

Øystein Andresen  
referent