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DFG Kolleg-Forschungsgruppe "RomanIslam" (Humanities, Asien-Afrika-Institut, Islamic Studies) invites applications for a

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE FOR THE PROJECT

“ROMANIZATION AND ISLAMICATION IN LATE ANTIQUITY - TRANSCULTURAL PROCESSES ON THE IBERIAN PENINSULA AND IN NORTH AFRICA”

- SALARY LEVEL 13 TV-L -

The position in accordance with Section 28 subsection 3 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG) commences on April 1st, 2020.

This is a fixed-term contract in accordance with Section 2 of the academic fixed-term labor contract act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG). The term is fixed until March 31, 2024. The position calls for 65 % of standard work hours per week**.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Duties include academic services in the project named above. Research associates may also pursue independent research and further academic qualifications.

SPECIFIC DUTIES:

RomanIslam, the Center for Advanced Study, convenes the disciplines of comparative empire and transcultural studies. Our approach aims to compare transcultural assimilation processes in the historical region of the western Mediterranean with focus on the Iberian Peninsula and North Africa during the first millennium CE, or the so-called „Long Late Antiquity“, including the Early Islamic Period. The economically significant Iberian Peninsula and the Maghreb were peripheral regions, both in the pagan, later Christianized Roman, and in the Islamic Empire. The successful applicant will conduct research in the frame of the project “Romanization and Islamication in Late Antiquity” concentrating on one or both regions under study. A successful PhD-thesis is expected in the field of administrative divisions, political structures, imperial religions versus local beliefs, economy, the transformation of cities, or agricultural landscapes, etc.

* Full-time positions currently comprise 39 hours per week.

The applicant will work within an interdisciplinary team, using the similar methodological approaches. The position requires an active participation in the activities of the RomanIslam Center of Comparative Empire and Transcultural Studies, i.e. in research colloquia, lecture series and workshops, as well as active engagement in the center's research activities.

REQUIREMENTS:

A university degree in a relevant field. An excellent University degree (MA) in a relevant field of Middle Eastern, North African and history and culture of the Iberian Peninsula. Excellent Arabic skills, experience with Arabic historical primary sources, excellent knowledge of English, and French, are required.

The knowledge of further languages relevant for the study of the Iberian Peninsula and North Africa, such as Latin, and Spanish, etc. is advantageous. Experience in working with additional sources, such as archaeological, numismatic, and geographical material is welcome but not a requirement.

The applicant expected to conduct doctoral studies in a field relevant to the region of early Islamic/Medieval North Africa/Maghreb (Ifriqiya) and the Iberian Peninsula within the foci of the RomanIslam Center.

Qualified disabled candidates or applicants with equivalent status receive preference in the application process.

For further information, please contact Prof. Stefan Heidemann (stefan.heidemann@uni-hamburg.de; +49 (40) 42838 3181 (after 3 pm)) or consult our website at <https://www.romanislam.uni-hamburg.de/>. (under construction).

Applications should include a cover letter, a tabular curriculum vitae, and copies of degree certificate(s). Please send applications by January 15, 2020 to: katharina.mewes@uni-hamburg.de, please add the names of two referees.

Please do not submit original documents as we are **not** able to return them. Any documents submitted will be destroyed after the application process has concluded.