



Sächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Leipzig

The Saxon Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Leipzig offers the following position in the research project *Bibliotheca Arabica – Towards a New History of Arabic Literature*, starting on April 1, 2020 or at the earliest possible date:

PhD Position (m/f/d)

Duration: Three years with an option of extension of another year.

Salary group: TV-L 13, 50 %

Job description:

The Academy Project *Bibliotheca Arabica – Towards a New History of Arabic Literature* is dedicated to research on Arabic literatures dating from the years 1150 to 1850 CE, and combines literary and manuscript studies. Alongside the development of a digital research platform tool that integrates bio-bibliographical data and manuscript notes, individual research projects are conducted following the central categories of literary production, transmission, and reception. These categories are examined in relation to the political and social transformations that were taking place between 1150 and 1850. By studying the text and its physical transmission, research on the history of Arabic literature in the *Bibliotheca Arabica* adheres especially to concepts of new philology in general, and material philology in particular.

For more information on the project see www.saw-leipzig.de/bibliotheca-arabica.

The successful applicant will pursue a PhD project within the macro-historical project that examines literary production, transmission and reception from a long-term perspective and over broad geographical areas. By studying the developments of literary genres and text types, a differentiated picture of the history of Arabic literature will be developed that critically reflects the distribution and popularity of works, and the manifold contexts of their production and reception. Central fields of inquiry for the PhD can range, for example, from historical genre classifications, the distribution of genres in time and space, neglected genres, the multitude of text versions seen from a synchronical and/or diachronical perspective, to different ways of regional and methodological knowledge transfer and related scholarly networks. Beside the thesis, the successful applicant is expected to contribute to project-related activities.

Requirements:

- an MA or equivalent degree in Islamic Studies, Arabic philology or a cognate discipline;
- excellent knowledge of Arabic and preferably one other primary language of the Islamicate world;
- experience in working with Arabic manuscripts;
- proficiency in academic English as well as the ability to work with secondary literature in modern European languages;
- ability to work independently and in a team, with good organisational and communicative skills.

The doctorate can be completed at Leipzig University or, by arrangement, in cooperation with another university. The successful candidate will agree to publish the result of their work in the *Bibliotheca Arabica* book series. He / she is expected to relocate to Leipzig.

Women are particularly encouraged to apply and disabled applicants with adequate qualifications will be preferentially considered.

Applications (in English, one PDF file) should include a cover letter, a tabular curriculum vitae, copies of degree certificate(s), a letter of reference, and a proposal for the dissertation project (800 words). They should be sent by **January 15, 2020** to

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