



Sächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Leipzig

Job advertisement

The Saxon Academy of Sciences and Humanities (Sächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften) in Leipzig announces the following positions in the research project “Buddhist Murals of Kucha on the Northern Silk Road”:

Two PhD positions (m/f/d) (Wissenschaftliche/r Mitarbeiter/in) (TV-L E 13, half time)

The preferred starting date of the employment is 1 April 2023. The positions are initially limited to two years and can be extended for another year. The place of work is Leipzig.

The project is the first comprehensive research project on the Buddhist murals of Kucha (Xinjiang, PR China). The aim of the project is to explore the paintings in a series of scientific studies and to create a complex information system documenting the murals that remain in situ, including the parts removed from the caves at the beginning of the 20th century. The project also indexes relevant archival materials and existing research literature in European and Asian languages.

(German) <https://www.saw-leipzig.de/hoehlenmalereien>

(English) <https://www.saw-leipzig.de/kucha-murals>

(Chinese) <https://www.saw-leipzig.de/Qiuci-bihua>

Tasks:

- Preparation of a dissertation on a topic related to the Kucha paintings, which can be published within the project’s publication series
- Preparation of the material processed within the framework of the dissertation for integration into the digital information system

Requirements:

- master degree in a relevant field (e.g. Asian Art History / Central Asian Studies / Indology)
- profound knowledge of the art history and archaeology of Central and South Asia, especially of the Buddhist art of the Silk Road
- additional knowledge of the art and culture of another region in contact with Kucha (Mediterranean / Persia / East Asia) is an advantage
- knowledge of Sanskrit or classical Chinese
- experience in organising and structuring large amounts of art historical data is desirable

Preferential consideration will be given to severely disabled persons with equal qualifications. Women are particularly encouraged to apply.

Applications (in English or German) should include a brief description of the planned dissertation and of how the candidate intends to contribute to the overall project (max. two pages A4); they should be submitted by **31 January 2023** by email to:

Generalsekretär Herr Dr. Christian Winter, bewerbung@saw-leipzig.de

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