



Sächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Leipzig

The Saxon Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Leipzig offers the following positions in the research project *Bibliotheca Arabica – Towards a New History of Arabic Literature*, starting on January 1, 2024 or at the earliest possible date thereafter:

PhD Scholarship (m/f/d)

Duration: Three years with an option to extend for another year.

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.

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

The successful applicant will pursue a PhD project devoted to the history of Arabic literature on the basis of its manuscript tradition. By studying the developments of literary genres, text types, works, or libraries, 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.

Apart from pursuing the thesis, the successful applicant is expected to contribute to project-related activities.

Requirements:

- an MA or equivalent degree, preferably in Islamic Studies, Arabic philology or a related 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 as well as Arabic;
- ability to work independently and in a team, with good organizational 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. Regular virtual attendance of project meetings is required and periodic visits to Leipzig are expected. Travel expenses will be covered.

Remuneration: fixed monthly amount of 1.700 Euros with regionally staggered supplements available if necessary.

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

Applications (in English) should include a cover letter, motivation letter of max. 1 page, a tabular curriculum vitae, copies of degree certificate(s), the contact for two referees, and a proposal for the dissertation project (1500 to 3000 words in addition to a select bibliography). They should be sent by e-mail (one pdf file) by **July 31, 2023** to Dr. Christian Winter, Sächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Leipzig, bewerbung@saw-leipzig.de.

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