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As a University of Excellence, Universität Hamburg is one of the strongest research universities in Germany. As a flagship university in the greater Hamburg region, it nurtures innovative, cooperative contacts to partners within and outside academia. It also provides and promotes sustainable education, knowledge, and knowledge exchange locally, nationally, and internationally.

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”

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The position in accordance with Section 28 subsection 3 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG) commences on October 1, 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 acculturation processes in the historical region of the western Mediterranean with focus on the Iberian Peninsula and/or 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 concentrated on one or both regions under study in the period of the Islamic Empire. A successful PhD-thesis is expected in the field of administrative divisions, political structures, imperial religions versus local believes, 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 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 fields of Middle Eastern, and North African Studies or Studies on the Islamic Iberian Peninsula, excellent Arabic language 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 Islamic Iberian Peninsula and North Africa, such as Spanish, Hebrew, and Latin, etc. is advantageous. Experience in working with additional sources, such as archaeological, numismatic, and geographical material is welcome but not a requirement.

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

The Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg promotes equal opportunity. As men are currently underrepresented in this job category at Universität Hamburg according to the evaluation conducted under the Hamburg act on gender equality (Hamburgisches Gleichstellungsgesetz, HambGleiG), we encourage men to apply for this position. Equally qualified and suitable male applicants will receive preference.

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 May 30, 2020 to: [katharina.mewes@uni-hamburg.de](mailto: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.