

## Job advertisement

Within the Research Training Group 2304 “Byzantium and the Euro-Mediterranean Cultures of War. Exchange, Differentiation and Reception”, which is financed by the DFG (German Research Foundation), there are at the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz

### **6 positions for doctoral research associates (TV-L E13, 65%)**

to be filled by **1 October 2018** for a contract period of three years.

Participating in this Research Training Group are the disciplines of Ancient History, Antique Church History/Theology, Byzantine Studies, Medieval History, Eastern European History, Early Modern Church History, Classical Archaeology and Byzantine Art History, Early and Prehistorical Archaeology (with a focus on Medieval Archaeology) and Musicology.

The goal of the Research Training Group is to examine the Euro-Mediterranean Cultures of War and the importance of Byzantium for them from a transcultural perspective, from the Roman Imperial Period to the Early Modern Period. With cultures of war are understood to be the forms and practices of war as well as the norms, interpretations, attributions of meaning and reflections referring to war. The mutual processes of exchange, differentiation or reception (from antique influences in Byzantium to Byzantine models in the post-Byzantine Period) will be explored via four thematic areas:

1. Strategies of justification and legitimation
2. Conceptualizations of persons and groups
3. Rituals and worship
4. Knowledge and infrastructure

The prospective dissertation project must address at least one of these thematic areas as well as be housed within one of the participating disciplines.

Duties include:

- Further scholarly attainment through the writing of a dissertation
- Regular participation in the Research Training Group’s structured program of study and its events. The participants are thus required to reside in Mainz.

The Research Training Group offers intensive specialist and interdisciplinary exchange, cross-disciplinary doctoral supervision by two professors from amongst the participating scholars, praxis-oriented courses directed at public engagement (including through museums), a comprehensive range of key qualifications (e.g. from the sphere of Digital Humanities) and diverse opportunities for international networking.

Requirements for the application include a degree (Magister, M.A. or the equivalent) completed with above-average marks in a participating or related field as well as openness to interdisciplinary work.

The Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz is keen on increasing the proportion of women within the sphere of scholarship and therefore especially welcomes applications from female researchers. Qualified persons with disabilities will be given preference.

The following application materials are to be submitted electronically in a single .pdf (in German or English):

- A letter of application (one page)
- An outline of the planned dissertation project (two pages)
- A curriculum vitae with list of publications (if applicable), degree diplomas, certificates of scholarly activities
- Master's Thesis (or equivalent)

The application materials along with two letters of recommendation from university-level instructors, who should submit their letters separately, are to be addressed to the Spokesman of the Research Training Group, Prof. Dr. Johannes Pahlitzsch, (address: [grk2304@uni-mainz.de](mailto:grk2304@uni-mainz.de) ; subject-line: grk2304\_Last Name).

The application deadline ends by **22 June 2018**.

For further information on the Research Training Group cf. [http://www.geschichte.uni-mainz.de/Byzantinistik/323\\_DEU\\_HTML.php](http://www.geschichte.uni-mainz.de/Byzantinistik/323_DEU_HTML.php)

For subject-related questions please direct your queries to the corresponding specialists of the Research Training Group, other questions to the Spokesman.

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