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Call for applications

The Berlin-based Forum Transregionale Studien and the Dahlem Humanities Center of Freie Universität Berlin invite scholars to apply for
3 research fellowships in the framework of the research program
ZUKUNFTSPHILOLOGIE: Revisiting the Canons of Textual Scholarship.

Closing date: 25 June 2014

is a Berlin-based research program, which supports research in marginalized and undocumented textual practices and literary cultures with the aim of integrating texts and scholarly traditions from Asia, Africa, and the Middle East as well as from Europe itself. The program takes as its point of departure the increasingly growing concern with the global significance of philology and the potential of philology to challenge exclusivist notions of the self and the canon. The program encourages research in the following areas: the genealogy and transformations of philological practice, philology's place in the system of knowledge (e.g. its relation to science, theology, and jurisprudence), philology and the university, and philology and empire.

For a detailed description of the program and its past and current activities, please visit www.zukunftsphilologie.de

Candidates

The fellowships are intended primarily for scholars of major and minor linguistic and philological traditions from Africa, Asia and Europe, whose research explores textual practices and disciplinary entanglements in intellectual and literary history, comparative linguistics, philology, the study of religion and the history of science. Applicants should have obtained their doctorate within the last seven years and have an excellent record of teaching and research. Fellows are given the opportunity to pursue research projects of their own choice, provided the topic falls within the research agenda of the program. Fellows are expected to participate in the seminars, workshops and conferences organized within the framework of the program.

Projects

Individual research projects should fall within the intellectual framework of Zukunftsphilologie.

Projects should have a comparative perspective, whereby the plurality of textual practices, polyphonic textuality, and the trajectories and genealogies of philological traditions are explored.

Research projects focusing on intellectual debates, polemics, correspondences, and transregional encounters are especially welcome. In revisiting important philological debates, the goal is not to merely evaluate the argumentative worth of these debates, but rather to reflect on the wider cultural and political context in which these debates emerged and how they have shaped our knowledge of the past. Moreover, an examination of philological debates will shed light on marginal philological traditions and undocumented intellectual positions as well as the ways in which canonical positions were consolidated and normalized.

Fellowships

Fellowships are for a 10-month period starting on 1 October 2014 and ending on 31 July 2015, although shorter stays (5-month minimum) may be considered.

Fellows will receive a monthly stipend of € 2.500 plus a family supplement (€ 250). Assistance regarding visa, insurances, housing, etc. will be provided. Successful applicants will be fellows of the Dahlem Humanities Center at Freie Universität Berlin and the program Zukunftsphilologie at the Forum Transregionale Studien, and associate members of the Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School for Literary Studies. Through this association they will be integrated into the Department of Philosophy and Humanities at the Freie Universität Berlin and will have access to an academic milieu of literary and philological studies as well as to libraries and other research facilities.

Application Procedure

To apply, please send the following documents in English as **one** PDF document:

- a curriculum vitae
- a project description (not longer than five pages), stating what you will work on in Berlin if granted a fellowship
- a sample of scholarly work (maximum 20 pages from an article, conference paper, or dissertation chapter)
- the name, affiliation and contact information of one academic reference, whom we may contact.

For questions regarding eligibility, please contact program director, **Dr. Islam Dayeh** (Freie Universität Berlin), islam.dayeh@zukunftsphilologie.de.

Applications should be submitted in **English** and received by **25 June 2014**, addressed to: zukunftsphilologie@trafo-berlin.de

Institutional Framework

The Forum Transregionale Studien is a Berlin-based research organization designed to promote research that connects systematic and region-specific questions in a perspective that addresses entanglements and interactions beyond national, cultural or regional frames. The Forum works in tandem with established institutions and networks engaged in transregional studies and is supported by an association of the directors of universities, research institutes and networks in and outside of Berlin. It supports four research programs: **ZUKUNFTSPHILOLOGIE**: Revisiting the Canons of Textual Scholarship, **RECHTSKULTUREN**: Confrontations Beyond Comparison, **EUROPE IN THE MIDDLE EAST—THE MIDDLE EAST IN EUROPE**, and **ART HISTORIES AND AESTHETIC PRACTICES**.

The Forum Transregionale Studien cooperates with the Max Weber Stiftung and is funded through a public-private partnership.

For more information, please visit www.forum-transregionale-studien.de.

ZUKUNFTSPHILOLOGIE is affiliated to Freie Universität's Dahlem Humanities Center as well as to the Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School for Literary Studies. For further information, please visit

www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/dhc/ and

www.fsgs.fu-berlin.de.