**One doctoral studentship in the research project “Islamophobia in Germany, Poland and Russia, with Particular Attention to Its Christian Dimension”**

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**Call for applications for:**

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The doctoral student will be affiliated to the Historical Studies research area. The overall purpose of the project is to study, historically and sociologically, the characteristics of Islamophobia in these countries through the lens of contemporary history. Diachronic and synchronic comparisons will thus be made, with a special focus on the Christian dimension. The research project has two senior scholars, specialising in Germany and Poland, and the doctoral student is expected to focus on the Russian part.

**The Study of Religions at Södertörn University** has a strong international and multi-disciplinary orientation. Together with History, Ethnology, History of Ideas and Archaeology, it is part of the Historical Studies research area, which currently has about 25 doctoral students. Shared profile areas within Historical Studies include, among others, contemporary history and studies of the Baltic Sea region and Eastern Europe. Religio-historical, religio-sociological and religio-anthropological perspectives are particularly impo rtant in the Study of Religions, and the primary focus is on contemporary history.

**Entry requirements and selection**
The general entry requirements are:
1. a second-cycle/master level qualification,
2. fulfilment of the requirements for courses comprising at least 240 credits of which at least 60 credits awarded at second-cycle/master level, or
3. the acquisition of substantially equivalent knowledge in some other way in Sweden or abroad.

**Specific entry requirements:**
Previous degree in the Study of Religions (Master’s level – 60 or 120 credits). Good knowledge of Russian as well as English is important. A religio-historical and/or religio-sociological orientation is also of particular significance.

**Employment**
An application for a place on a third-cycle programme is also an application for employment on a doctoral studentship. The employment is for no longer than the equivalent to four years full time studies. The provisions relating to employment on a doctoral studentship are stated in the Higher Education Ordinance, Chapter 5, Sections 1-7. Doctoral students will be employed by the School of History and Contemporary Studies at Södertörn University. The starting date is September 1 or October 1, 2014, in agreement with the project leader.

Please click on the below links for more information about admissions regulations and third-cycle education in the Study of Religions:
**[Södertörn University’s Admission Regulations](http://webappo.web.sh.se/p3/ext/res.nsf/vRes/forskning_engelsk_admission_regulations_pdf/%24File/admission_regulations.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)**
**[General syllabus for third-cycle programmes in the Study of Religions in Swedish](http://webappl.web.sh.se/p3/ext/res.nsf/vRes/forskning_1327068477586_allman_studieplan_religionsvetenskap_pdf/%24File/allm%C3%A4n_studieplan_religionsvetenskap.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).** A version in English will be published shortly.

**Contacts:**
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For employment matters or how to apply contact the Human Resources Officer, School of Historical and Contemporary Studies, Calle Aaro (calle.aaro@sh.se).

**Application procedure**
Applications are submitted electronically and must include the following appendices:

* A letter of application that includes the applicant’s name, Swedish ID number, contact information, list of appendices and a signature
* Curriculum Vitae
* Degree certificate and certificates that demonstrate eligibility to apply for the position
* Bachelor’s essay and Master’s dissertation in the field in accordance with the entry requirements
* Thesis plan of 2-3 pages. This should present the research problem and link it to the research project, as well as appropriate theories, methods and delimitations, and previous research in the field
* Contact details for two references who can testify to your academic maturity
* Publications may also be appended, to a maximum of three published works.

Applications that are incomplete at the end of the application period will not be processed.

The deadline for applications is March 17, 2014.

*Please send your application. You apply for this position by clicking on the Apply/Ansök button below.*