

Chair/Institution/Facility: *Research Department, Center for Religious Studies, Käte Hamburger Kolleg*
Nature of Offer: *Postdoctoral researcher*
Job Title: *Postdoc position, Religious Studies*
Posting: *Universitätsstraße 150, Building FNO 02, 44801 Bochum, Germany*
Payment: *Salary in accordance with TVL E13, full-time position (100%), 39.83 working hours per week*
Application Deadline: *30 September, 2014 (closing date)*
Starting Date: *At the earliest date possible*
Duration of Employment: *The position is scheduled for 3 years. An extension for another 3 years will be possible if the mid-term evaluation is positive. The overall aim is to establish a “Juniorprofessur” (equivalent to assistant professor or lecturer) on the topic of Religion and Media within the Center for Religious Studies (CERES).*



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Job Description:

Ruhr-University Bochum is one of the leading research universities in Germany. As a reform oriented university it unites the whole range of major scientific fields on one campus. The vibrant cooperation of different subjects and scientific traditions offers unique chances for interdisciplinary collaborations for researchers and students alike.

The Käte Hamburger Kolleg “Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe” at Ruhr-University Bochum is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (Germany). It is the core part of the greater research programme entitled “Relational Religion: Complex Resonances in and beyond the Religious Field” conducted by the Center for Religious Studies (CERES) as Research Department. The Käte Hamburger Kolleg focuses on the dynamics of the formation and expansion of religions, the mutual permeation of religious traditions and their consolidation into the complex figurations called 'world religions.' Regionally, the research covers these phenomena in Europe and Asia. Further information on www.ceres.rub.de and www.khk.ceres.rub.de.

The postdoctoral position for Religion and Media at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg is planned to commence at the earliest date possible.

Since this position is funded entirely by third-party funds, teaching obligations are not obligatory.

The Ruhr-University Bochum is an equal opportunity employer and encourages women, handicapped candidates and members of minorities to apply.



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Requirements:

In order to implement the research on Religion and Media, successful applicants must have a broad expertise in Religious Studies and hold a Ph.D. in this subject or in Social Sciences or Cultural Studies. As part of the greater research programme on “Relational Religion” the research work will not only focus on the nexus and the relations of both fields, but also on possible dynamics of religious transfers. This perspective includes the comparison of historically diachronic as well as culturally synchronic dimensions with a special emphasis on the media.

The successful applicant will be expected to cooperate with colleagues on an interdisciplinary level and to contribute to Käte Hamburger Kolleg’s research field “Globalization”, which is part of the two CERES sections C “Religion & Experience” and D “Religion & Materiality”. The topic religion and media is intended to link those two sections of the broader research framework by focussing on religious experience as well as material aspects of religious practice.

The applicant needs a profound knowledge of English (at least C1 CEFR). Knowledge of German is highly desirable.

The employment is in accordance to the Public Sector Collective Agreement on Länder (TV-L). The wage classification will be carried out after presenting the personal requirements as pay grade TV-L E 13.

If interested please submit your application via e-mail (pdf-file) with quoting headword “KHK-Postdoc-1” to beate.hofmann@rub.de. Applications will include a covering letter explaining their interest in this position, a detailed c.v., a list of publications, copies of relevant certificates, a short research proposal with research interests (3 pages maximum). The deadline for application is 30 September, 2014. Travel expenses for job interviews cannot be repaid.



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