

## Researchers in Ancient History of Religion

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within the research project „Lived Ancient Religion“ (directed by Proff. Dres. Jörg Rüpke and Rubina Raja). The position is to be filled from 1st June 2015 onwards. The initial contract is for 24 months, but could be extended until 31 May 2018, if legal and personal requirements are met. The salary is according to TV-L E 13 (starting from brutto 41.926 € p.a. resp. 65 % thereof).

„Lived Ancient Religion“ takes a completely new perspective on the religious history of Mediterranean antiquity, starting from the individual and “lived” religion instead of civic religion. “Lived religion” suggests a set of experiences, of practices addressed to, and conceptions of the divine, which are appropriated, expressed, and shared by individuals in diverse social spaces, from the primary space of the family to the shared space of public institutions and trans-local literary communication. The new members of the team we are looking for should **work on a monograph** within the field of **Metropolitan religion in the Roman Empire**, that is to say **on intellectual and institutional interaction and distinction of individuals and groups within a metropolitan framework**.

The group's methodological approach is defined through the notions of religious experience, embodiment, and “culture in interaction”. For further information see <http://www.uni-erfurt.de/max-weber-kolleg/projekte/kooperationsprojekte/lived-ancient-religion/> . The project is financed by the European Research Council.

As a member of the team, the researcher is obliged to also share the research tasks of the team, e.g. in preparing workshops, conferences, and publications.

### The ideal candidate needs to

- have an excellent doctorate in History of Religion, Classical Philology, Ancient Judaism or Ancient Christianity or
- have a far-above-average exam (MA) in one of these disciplines and to aim at a doctorate at the Max Weber Center based on her or his research project
- have a very good knowledge of English and German
- have excellent knowledge of the relevant ancient language(s)
- have substantial experience in analysing literary texts
- fulfil the general admissions rules of § 84 Abs. 4 Thüringer Hochschulgesetz.

Any admission to the training program of the Max Weber Center presupposes the participation in interdisciplinary colloquia.

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The University of Erfurt is an equal opportunity employer and encourages in particular applications by women. Ceteris paribus seriously handicapped people will have preference.

### Deadline

Please send your application with CV, copies of your final school and university degrees, a copy of your doctoral (or MA) thesis and up to three further publications, and an outline of the research project (5-10 pages for the 100% position) or a sketch of a research idea (3-5 pages, for the 65 % positions) you would like to pursue until **7 March 2015** in electronic form to

[ursula.birtel-koltes@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:ursula.birtel-koltes@uni-erfurt.de)

The University cannot refund any costs incurred by applying.

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