

Call for Applications reference number 100/2018

The Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies (Max-Weber-Kolleg) at the University of Erfurt is an Institute for Advanced Studies and permanent graduate school. Within its Weberian research programme, it hosts several interdisciplinary research projects. It currently invites applications for **up to**

2 doctoral positions for Ph.D. projects in the fields of History and History of Religion Pay category E 13 TV-L (65 %)

and

1 post-doctoral position for a habilitation project in the field of History of Urbanisation or Religion of South Asia

Pay category E 13 TV-L (100 %)

within the framework of the research project **“Religion and Urbanity: reciprocal formations”**, directed by Prof. Dr. Susanne Rau and Prof. Dr. Jörg Rüpke.

Positions are to be filled by 1 April 2019 for a period of 36 months (further extension possible, depending on personal requirements and institutional settings.).

The project examines the long-term relationships between urbanity and religion in cities of very different types from the first millennium BC onwards. Successful candidates will work on a project that connects problems of the history of urbanisation and urbanity with problems of the history of religion for cities or regions in Europe, the circum-Mediterranean area, West or South Asia from Antiquity onwards.

Successful candidates will participate in the project’s research programme, engage in joint research and (in the case of the postdoctoral positions) take over administrative duties related to the project.

Requirements

- Excellent degree (MA for doctoral, Doctorate/PhD for postdoctoral positions) in History or History of Religion, Anthropology or a closely related discipline
- Knowledge of English, German (at least reading skills; candidates without knowledge of German are requested to take courses), and other languages relevant for the research planned
- Willingness to cooperate within the research project and to take part in the study programme within the interdisciplinary research environment of the Max-Weber-Kolleg
- Willingness to pursue a doctorate or habilitation at the University of Erfurt, preferentially in History or History of Religion/Religious Studies

The research programme is outlined on the project’s website <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/go/urbrel>. For more information about the Max-Weber-Kolleg see: <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/max-weber-kolleg/>. The call for applications is directed at applicants who fulfil the requirements of the Act of Academic Fixed-Term Contract (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetzes, WissZeitVG). The general conditions of employment of the Thuringian University Act (Thüringer Hochschulgesetz, ThürHG) §91 pass. 5 apply.

Comments/Remarks

The University of Erfurt is an equal opportunity employer in compliance with the Thuringian Equal Opportunities Act (Thüringer Gleichstellungsgesetz). Equal opportunity issues are addressed throughout the application and selection process. Handicapped applicants are given preference in cases of equal qualification.

Please address informal enquiries to Dr. Asuman Lätzer-Lasar (asuman.laetzer-lasar@uni-erfurt.de).

Application Deadline

Please submit your application with CV, copies of your final school and university degrees, a copy of your MA or diploma resp. dissertation thesis, one recent letter of recommendation and an outline of the project you would like to pursue (2,500-5,000 words) with a stringent discussion of your research questions, the state of research on the topic, your methodological approach and the leading hypotheses as well as a working schedule and projected date of completion as pdf-files (maximum of 10 MB) and up to five publications (if applicable) by **06 January 2019** to:

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Data Protection

For the electronic submission of your application, please find the necessary encrypting certificate with the public key for secure transmissions to the e-mail address given below under <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/personal-und-recht/ausschreibungen>, listed under the respective Call for Applications. Secure transmission of your data cannot be warranted if you do not make use of this encrypting method.

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By submitting your application, you also agree to the further processing of the submitted personal data within the application process. This agreement can be withdrawn at any point in written or electronic form, without specifying your reasons. Please note that withdrawal of your agreement may lead to your application not being further considered for the position applied for.

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Notice

The University of Erfurt does not refund any costs incurred in the application process. [Jörg Rüpke](#)