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As a University of Excellence, Universität Hamburg is one of the strongest research universities in Germany. As a flagship university in the greater Hamburg region, it nurtures innovative, cooperative contacts to partners within and outside academia. It also provides and promotes sustainable education, knowledge, and knowledge exchange locally, nationally, and internationally.

The Faculty of Humanities, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Islamic Studies Division invites applications for two

RESEARCH ASSOCIATES FOR THE PROJECT “SOCIAL CONTEXTS OF REBELLION IN THE EARLY ISLAMIC PERIOD”

- SALARY LEVEL 13 TV-L -

The position in accordance with Section 28 subsection 3 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG) commences on 01.04.2021.

This is a fixed-term contract in accordance with Section 2 of the academic fixed-term labor contract act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG). The term is fixed until 31.03.2023, with a potential 2-year extension pending successful evaluation. The positions call for 75 % of standard work hours per week**:

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Duties include academic services in the project named above. Research associates may also pursue independent research and further academic qualifications.

SPECIFIC DUTIES:

The Emmy Noether project “Social Contexts of Rebellion in the Early Islamic Period” funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) will study four categories of revolt in the ‘long 8th century’ (c. 692-816 CE). These four sub-projects comprise i) rebellions led by tribal notables; ii) revolts that made claims to power in the name of the family of ‘Alī b. Abī Ṭālib; iii) Khārijite rebellions; and iv) non-Muslim/mixed uprisings. The project’s geographical scope is limited to the central lands of the early Islamic Empire; regions like Transoxania or North Africa (including Egypt) are outside its purview. The project will proceed on two levels: individual case studies carried out by the team members, and comparative analyses focused on the macro level of rebellion in the early Islamic period.

The successful applicants will conduct research on one category of rebellion each, either the first (tribal notables) or the second (pro-‘Alids/proto-Shī‘is). They will be expected to write a

* Full-time positions currently comprise 39 hours per week.

successful PhD thesis on their subject as well as contribute to the project group's comparative research and publications.

REQUIREMENTS:

A university degree in a relevant field. Applicants must have a degree (M.A.) in Islamic or Middle Eastern Studies or another relevant field. They must have excellent knowledge of Arabic and (for category 2) Persian reading skills. Knowledge of another language relevant to the project (e.g., Syriac, Armenian, Persian (category 1)) is desirable. Applicants must have a good grasp of early Islamic history, demonstrated e.g. by the subject of their M.A. thesis, and some prior experience working with pre-modern Arabic sources. Knowledge of the late antique history of the project region and/or experience working with pre-modern Islamic material culture (e.g., coins, archaeological evidence, inscriptions) is an added advantage. Applicants must have excellent command of English (both spoken and written) and French reading skills; knowledge of German is preferred, but not required. As this is a collaborative team project, strong communication and interpersonal skills are a prerequisite

Qualified disabled candidates or applicants with equivalent status receive preference in the application process.

For further information, please contact the research group leader, Hannah-Lena Hagemann, at hannah-lena.hagemann@uni-hamburg.de or consult our website at <https://www.aai.uni-hamburg.de/voror/forschung/score.html>

Applications should include a cover letter, a tabular curriculum vitae, copies of degree certificate(s), and contact details for two referees. Applicants should indicate their preference for category 1 or 2; PhD proposals focusing on select case studies from within either category of rebellion are very welcome.

Please send applications by 31 December 2020 to: hannah-lena.hagemann@uni-hamburg.de

Please do not submit original documents as we are **not** able to return them. Any documents submitted will be destroyed after the application process has concluded.