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The Faculty of Humanities, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Islamic Studies Divisions invites applications for a

## RESEARCH ASSOCIATE FOR THE PROJECT “SOCIAL CONTEXTS OF REBELLION IN THE EARLY ISLAMIC PERIOD” (POST-DOC)

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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 3-year extension pending successful evaluation. The position calls for 39 hours per week. This position is also suitable for part time employment.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 applicant will conduct research on the fourth category of rebellion (non-Muslim/mixed revolts). They will be expected to write a monograph on this subject, publish relevant articles in peer-reviewed journals, and contribute to the project group's comparative research and publications. They will also assist with administrative tasks (e.g., conference organization) and co-edit conference proceedings with the group leader.

## REQUIREMENTS:

A university degree in a relevant subject plus doctorate. Applicants must have a PhD in a relevant field of Islamic or Middle Eastern Studies. They must have excellent knowledge of Arabic as well as Persian or another second language relevant to their sub-project (e.g., Armenian). A comprehensive understanding of early Islamic history and/or the history of non-Muslim communities in the early Islamic period, as demonstrated by relevant publications and/or the subject of their PhD dissertation, is required. Applicants must have extensive experience working with pre-modern sources in Arabic and/or their second language (e.g., Persian, Syriac, Armenian). Knowledge of the late antique history of the project region and experience working with pre-modern Islamic material culture (e.g., coins, archaeological evidence, inscriptions) are an added advantage. Applicants must have excellent command of English (both written and spoken) 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](mailto: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 are encouraged to include a proposal focusing on one or more select case studies from within category 4. Applications focusing on Armenian revolts are particularly welcome.

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