

Exzellenzausschreibung – EXC 2020 “Temporal Communities”

Research associate (Postdoc) at the EXC 2020  
Temporal Communities (RA2) (m/f/d) full-time job  
Limited to 31.12.2025 Entgeltgruppe 13 TV-L FU  
Reference code: EXC 2020 RT C Postdoc RA2 2022

Bewerbungsende: 11.10.2021

The Cluster of Excellence 2020 "Temporal Communities: Doing Literature in a Global Perspective" aims to create a new theoretical and methodological take on literature in a global perspective. Introducing the notion of ‘temporal communities’, the Cluster investigates the ways in which literature reaches out through space and time, establishing complex temporalities and extensive transcultural and transtemporal networks as it interacts with other arts and media. The Cluster’s research is conducted within five Research Areas: 1. Competing Communities, 2. Travelling Matters, 3. Future Perfect, 4. Literary Currencies, 5. Building Digital Communities.

The postdoctoral position is situated in Research Area (RA) 2, "Travelling Matters". RA 2 explores the ways in which temporal communities are shaped and experienced in material terms. It asks how the material dimensions of different arts matter, in particular with a view to literature’s entanglements with visual arts and the performing arts and with a special focus on the way in which materiality affects the experiential aspects of art and literature. RA 2 studies how different levels of materiality and different aspects of mediality intersect, shaping and creating cultural practices and aesthetic appreciation in the artistic process, and thus contribute to constituting temporal communities.

Expected starting date of the position: 1 January 2022.

Further information: [www.temporal-communities.de](http://www.temporal-communities.de).

**Job description:**

- development and implementation of an individual research project within Research Area 2 „Travelling Matters“ with the aim of completing a monograph
- taking the lead in organising research cooperation within Research Area 2
- coordinating Research Area 2’s contributions to the Living Handbook of Temporal Communities in close cooperation with the Managing Editor and the Editorial Board
- a substantial contribution to the further development of the cluster’s concepts and methodology and of its international networks
- conceiving and organising international, interdisciplinary workshops and conferences

- mentoring the doctoral students of the Research Area
- liaising with the Research Area's international fellows
- responsibility for the Research Area's financial administration in cooperation with the Cluster's Managing Director

**Requirements:**

doctoral thesis in literary studies or another humanities discipline

**Desirable:**

- a track record of successful research in the fields of mediality and materiality, with a special emphasis on art history, theatre studies, cultural history and literary studies
- a research focus on the materiality and mediality of the arts (visual and performing arts, theatre, film)
- a research interest in thing studies with a special emphasis on cultural history
- a willingness to engage in interdisciplinary cooperation (especially between literary studies, theatre studies and art history)
- an excellent doctoral thesis
- a very good knowledge of both German and English (with a minimum competence in one of these languages at the level of C1 GER and the other at the level of B2 GER)
- open-mindedness, communicative skills and a team-oriented work attitude

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## Further Information

In addition to the usual documents (CV, references, list of publications), applications should include a maximum 5-page synopsis of the planned book project in German or English. The synopsis should show how the project contributes to the research agenda of the Cluster and to the Research Area. Applications, indicating the reference code, should be sent electronically by e-mail as ONE pdf-file to Prof. Dr. Karin Gludovatz und Prof. Dr. Matthias Warstat:[ra2@temporal-communities.de](mailto:ra2@temporal-communities.de).

For administrative reasons, only electronic applications can be accepted.

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