

**Exzellenzausschreibungen –  
EXC 2020 "Temporal Communities"**

Research associate (Postdoc) at the EXC 2020  
“Temporal Communities” (RA4), full-time job  
limited to 4 years

Entgeltgruppe 13 TV-L FU

Reference code: EXC 2020 RT Postdoc RA4  
2019

Deadline: 21.02.2019

The principal aim of the cluster “Temporal Communities – Doing Literature in a Global Perspective” is to create a new theoretical and methodological take on literature in a global perspective. This take moves beyond the traditional categories of nation and era, conceiving of literature instead as a transcultural and transtemporal phenomenon in deep time. Introducing the notion of “temporal communities”, the Cluster will investigate the ways in which literature reaches out through time and space by establishing extensive transtemporal networks in which the very notion of literature itself, both as an aesthetic and a social praxis, is constantly re-constituted as it interacts with other arts and media, with all manner of institutions and social phenomena.

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.

This position is situated in Research Area Research Area 4, "Literary Currencies". Research Area 4 addresses the question of how literature is subjected to processes of valuation and re-evaluation as it circulates between cultures, languages, media and markets. RA 4 will focus on canon formation, notions of authorship, the circulation of texts and literary concepts and the economic dimensions of this circulation. An important focus will be on the rise and fall of literary currencies, on the fluctuating prestige enjoyed by literary texts and genres. How do changing notions of literary value shape

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### **Job description:**

- Development and implementation of a research project of their own within Research Area 4, “Literary Currencies”, with the aim of completing a monograph
- A leading role in organizing research cooperation within Research Area 4
- Coordinating Research Area 4’s contributions to the Living Handbook of Temporal Communities in close cooperation with the Editorial Board
- A substantial contribution to the further development of the cluster’s concepts and methodology and of its international networks
- Conceiving and organizing international, interdisciplinary workshops and conferences
- Mentoring the doctoral students of Research Area 4
- Liaising with the Research Area’s international fellows
- Responsibility for the Research Area’s financial administration in cooperation with the managing director

### **Requirements:**

An excellent doctoral thesis in literary studies or a related discipline requiring literary studies expertise

### **Desirable:**

- A thorough familiarity with the research focus of RA 4 and with the issues of literary worth/evaluations, literary circulations, canon formation and issues concerning the social field of literature
- Experience in coordinating and managing academic projects
- 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)

### **Further Information**

Applications containing the usual documents as well as a description of the planned monograph (no more than 5 pages) may be submitted either in English or in German. For administrative reasons, only applications submitted as a single pdf-file and sent via email will be accepted.

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