

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

Research associate (Postdoc) with 1/2-part-time job limited to 4 years

Entgeltgruppe 13 TV-L FU

Reference code:

EXC 2020 RT Postdoc RA5-2_2019

Deadline: 28.02.2019

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.

The position is located in Research Area 5, "Building Digital Communities", which will contribute to advancing both the critical reflection on and the practical application of visual modelling in the Digital Humanities by taking EXC TC’s notion of temporal communities as a starting point for exploring the translatability of the Cluster’s innovative approach to literary history into a visual digital format. RA 5 will also develop an open access Living Handbook of Temporal Communities that will serve as a point of reference for the Cluster’s research methodology and terminology and provide a platform for the EXC 2020 community that will emerge both locally and globally.

Further information: www.temporal-communities.de

Job description:

- Development and implementation of a research project of their own within the framework of Research Area 5 “Building Digital Communities”
- A leading role in devising and implementing the Living Handbook of Temporal Communities (LHTC), based on the Open Encyclopedia System (OES)
- Planning and organising LHTC workflows with regard to text production, quality management, editing and publishing
- Building collaborations with non-university partner institutions in Berlin as well as with libraries at Freie Universität and beyond with a view to the Cluster’s overall digital strategy
- Devising a strategy for the Cluster’s research data management
- Contributing to developing the Cluster’s core concepts and methods and to strengthening and expanding its international network
- Conceiving and organising international interdisciplinary conferences and workshops

Requirements:

PhD in literary studies and/or another humanities discipline in combination with documented skills and competencies in Digital Humanities or applied informatics (or vice versa)

Desirable:

- Excellent ICT skills and a pronounced interest in ICT-based methods in literary and cultural studies
- Experience with managing and publishing research data
- Experience in working with ontologies, authority files and linked open data, in graph-based knowledge modelling and in applied network analysis
- Familiarity with current communication, information and publication standards in the humanities
- Proactive and collaborative way of working; pragmatic and target-oriented approach
- Academic communication skills in German and English

Further Information

Applications containing the usual documents and stating the reference code may be submitted either in English or in German. For administrative reasons, only applications submitted as a single pdf-file and sent via email to k.heinrich@fu-berlin.de will be accepted.

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