

Exzellenzausschreibungen – EXC 2020 "Temporal Communities"

**Research associate (Postdoc) at the EXC 2020
“Temporal Communities” (RA3), full-time job
limited to 4 years
Entgeltgruppe 13 TV-L FU
Reference code: EXC 2020 RT Postdoc RA3
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 3, "Future Perfect". Research Area 3 will explore literature’s ability to construct complex temporalities of its own, shaping temporal communities potentially over long expanses of time. RA3 will focus on literature’s involvement in imagining as well as participating in diverse, often multiple temporalities. It will study how literary texts project their own reception in the future and forge temporal communities for themselves. How do cultural practices such as philology construct temporalities, e.g. by establishing chronologies or freezing textual objects in zones of radical synchronicity? How is literary history constituted through teleological narratives?

Further information: www.temporal-communities.de

Job description:

- Development and implementation of a research project of their own within Research Area 3, "Future Perfect", with the aim of completing a monograph
- A leading role in organizing research cooperation within Research Area 3
- Coordinating Research Area 3'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 3
- Liaising with the Research Area's international fellows
- Responsibility for the Research Area's financial administration in cooperation with the managing director
- Participation in coordinating collaboration with related research projects in non-university institutions in the Berlin-Brandenburg area and also within the Cluster's network of international partners

Requirements:

Doctoral thesis in philosophy or in literary studies

Desirable:

- An excellent doctoral thesis
- Documented experience in the fields of medieval, Renaissance and early modern studies
- Expertise in literary theory and literary studies as well as the history of philosophy
- Research foci in the fields of the philosophy of time and the philosophy of history
- Expertise in the fields of poetics and the history of rhetoric
- A willingness to acquire expertise in the fields of premodern philology and book history
- Experience in coordinating transdisciplinary research 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)
- A good knowledge of French and a documented knowledge of an ancient language (preferably Latin or Greek)

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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