

# Freie Universität Berlin

## Beruf, Karriere und Personalentwicklung

### Exzellenzausschreibungen - EXC 2020 "Temporal Communities"

Research associate (Postdoc) (m/f/d) full-time Job limited to 4 years

Entgeltgruppe 13 TV-L FU Reference code: EXC 2020 RT\_B Postdoc RA 3 2021

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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 provides an opportunity to conduct an independent research project that makes a substantial contribution to the research agenda of the cluster. The project should address the questions and topics of Research Area (RA) 3, "Future Perfect" and link them to the research agendas of at least one other Research Area, preferably RA 2, "Travelling Matters". The project thus has a bridging function in linking the research areas of the cluster.

Research Area 3 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 studies how literary texts project their own reception in the future and forge temporal communities for themselves, how they constitute themselves within networks of intertextual relations and with reference to multiple traditions. 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 on the Cluster and its Research Areas: [www.temporal-communities.de](http://www.temporal-communities.de)

#### Job description:

- Development and implementation of a research project of their own within Research Area 3 „Future Perfect“ and at least one other Research Area, preferably RA 2 “Travelling Matters”, with the aim of completing a monograph
- Organising research cooperation within Research Area 3 and participating in the work of the second Research Area which the research project relates to
- Contributing 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 organising international, interdisciplinary workshops and conferences
- Mentoring the doctoral students of Research Area 3
- Liaising with the Research Area's international fellows
- Coordinating joint activities between RA 3 and, preferably, RA 2 dedicated to questions of form and materiality

#### Requirements:

Doctoral thesis in a humanities discipline with a literary studies expertise

#### Desirable:

- Documented experience in the fields of social theory and aesthetics
- Documented experience in the fields of social philosophy and literary sociology with a special emphasis on textual critique and the theory of critique
- 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
- Documented experience in the fields of the history of ideas
- Knowledge of current debates on issues of materiality, aesthetic forms of representation and the categories of 'style' and 'form'
- Willingness to develop methodological concepts in the areas of the literary experience of time and the literary constitution of temporalities in the context of community building

- 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)
  - A good knowledge of French and a documented knowledge of an ancient language (preferably Latin or Greek)
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## Weitere Informationen

Applications containing the usual documents (CV, credentials, list of publications) as well as a maximum 5-page synopsis of the planned research project may be submitted either in English or in German. The synopsis should make explicit the concrete contribution to the research agenda of the cluster and explain how the planned research project combines aspects of two or more Research Areas. Applications should contain the reference code and be sent **no later than April 12th, 2021** by e-mail to Professor Andrew James Johnston as one PDF file: [ra3@temporal-communities.de](mailto:ra3@temporal-communities.de).

On the given occasion and for the duration of the essential on-site operations by Freie Universität Berlin, we kindly ask you to apply electronically by e-mail. The processing of a postal application cannot be guaranteed.

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