

Research associate at the EXC 2020 Temporal  
Communities / Doctoral student at the Friedrich  
Schlegel Graduate School for Literary Studies (m/f/d)  
with 50% part-time job limited to 3 years Entgeltgruppe  
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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.

From 1 October 2024, 5 positions for research associates (50% part-time, limited to 3 years, pay group 13 TV-L FU) are available at the Cluster. The research associates will at the same time be doctoral students at the Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School for Literary Studies. They will complete its curriculum and have access to its mentoring and qualification offers. Doctoral students will have access to travel, conference, and workshop funds.

The position advertised here will be filled in the research project "Obscured, Unrecognized, Forgotten. Negative Circulation in Literature" (project lead: Prof. Dr. Jutta Müller-Tamm) located in Research Area 4 "Literary Currencies" of EXC 2020. The project investigates the negative dimension of the relationship between valuation and circulation in literature: creative failure, not being published, lack of response, falling out of public perception or appreciation. The aspects and practices of negative circulation are seen as a genuine component of the temporal dynamics of literary communities and as an enabling condition for positive circulation. Within the framework of the project, various questions can be addressed with a more methodological-systematic orientation or in individual investigations, including the following topics: the role of repressed literature for the functional mechanisms of the literary market; the literary ways of working through failure as well as attempts to stage literary failure differently and to understand it anew; 'other', alternative literary markets/fields of the "forgotten ones", e.g. self-publishing,

Tamizdat, online publishing, pirated editions; the markers of failure/success and their historical development (esp. since Web 2.0), changes in the measurability in the online literature market.

**Job description:**

- Conducting a three-year research project in the framework of the project "Obscured, Unrecognized, Forgotten. Negative Circulation in Literature" in the EXC 2020 "Temporal Communities"; a short synopsis of 1-2 pages outlining possible lines of investigation for the research project must be included with the application.
- Completion of the curriculum of the Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School for Literary Studies with the aim of obtaining a doctoral degree
- Participating in regular working meetings and workshops of the Research Area 4 of the Cluster
- Participating in the organisation and implementation of interdisciplinary, international conferences and workshops and contributing to their resulting publications
- Contributing to the publication of the project's research results in the "Living Handbook of Temporal Communities"

**Requirements:**

Completed MA-level university degree (Master, Magister, Diplom) in German Literature, German Studies, or Comparative Literature (with a focus on German literature)

**Desirable:**

- Excellent academic track record
- Ability to work in a team, organizational skills
- Meticulous, independent working style
- Experience in editing academic texts
- Very good knowledge of German and/or English (one of the two languages at least on level C1 CEFR, the other at least on level B2 CEFR)

For further information, please contact Frau Izabella Goikhman ([apply@fsgs.fu-berlin.de](mailto:apply@fsgs.fu-berlin.de) / +49 30 838 65648).

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## Weitere Informationen

Applications are preferably to be submitted via an online portal. Instructions regarding the online portal and the required application documents can be found at: [www.temporal-communities.de](http://www.temporal-communities.de) . With an electronic application, you acknowledge that FU Berlin saves and processes your data. FU Berlin cannot guarantee the security of your personal data if you send your application over an unencrypted connection.

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Exzellenzausschreibungen Philosophie und Geisteswissenschaften