Postgraduate Positions

(for a postdoctoral position, see below)

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany, invites applications for

6 three-year positions (German pay scale TV-L E 13, 65%)

from November 1, 2020 to October 31, 2023

in the Research Training Group (DFG-Graduiertenkolleg)

“Empires: Dynamic Change, Temporality and Post-Imperial Orders”

Funded by the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft), the interdisciplinary Training Group will focus on imperial temporalities and their representation, reflection, resonance, and manipulation in periods of accelerated imperial change and in post-imperial contexts. The RTG will focus on three main lines of research: temporalities involved in a) the transformation of imperial space, b) imperial economies, and c) imperial institutions and normative structures. For further information on the Research Group please go to:

https://www.altegeschichte.uni-freiburg.de/forschung/imperien.

We are looking for graduates with a background in the following disciplines: Ancient, Medieval, Early Modern, Modern, Eastern European and East Asian History as well as Sociology, Political Science, Literary/Cultural/Media Studies.

We expect:
- an excellent Master’s degree or equivalent
- high personal motivation for academic work and research
- an innovative dissertation project within the scope of the Research Teaching Group
- applicants with no prior knowledge of German will be expected to develop proficiency in German within the first year of their study
- members of the Research Training Group are asked to participate in the qualification program tailored to academic as well as professional career paths
- a willingness to take residence in Freiburg and to enroll as a doctoral student at Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg (exceptions may be made under the current circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic)

We offer:
- a PhD program with a clearly defined curriculum supporting your research, and preparing you for an academic career or other postdoctoral employment
- ample opportunities for intensive professional and interdisciplinary exchange
- regular supervision by two professorial members of the RTG
- funding for up to six months abroad at a research institute cooperating with our program, as well as for attending conferences inside and outside Germany

Please submit the following documents:
- a standard curriculum vitae
- a letter of motivation (1-2 pages)
- copies of degree certificates and diplomas
- an outline of your proposed research, identifying the topic and provisional title, the area of research, main research questions, theoretical approaches and methodology, and a time schedule (7-10 pages)
- two academic referees whom we may contact regarding your application

Please submit these materials in one collated PDF file by 04.09.2020 to: kontakt@grk2571.uni-freiburg.de citing the reference no. 00001166.

Freiburg University seeks to increase the number of women in positions in which they are underrepresented. Preference will be given to applicants with disabilities, if there are several equally qualified candidates. The University of Freiburg is also dedicated to assist young scholars with families.

This is a temporary position limited to a term of 36 months in accordance with the Academic Fixed-Term Contract Law (Wiss ZeitVG). The extension within the permissible fixed-time period/in accordance with the Wiss ZeitVG in order to (successfully) complete the doctorate/project/PhD is possible.

This invitation for applications is subject to the availability of approved funding.

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Postdoctoral Position

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany, invites applications for the position of a postdoctoral researcher (4.5 years, salary according to German pay scale TV-L 13, 100%) from November 1, 2020 to April 30, 2025

in the

Research Training Group (DFG-Graduiertenkolleg)

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The following disciplines participate in the RTG: Ancient, Medieval, Early Modern, Modern, and Contemporary History of any global area, Sociology, Political Science, Near Eastern Studies, Literary/Cultural/Media Studies. For further information please visit: www.altegeschichte.uni-freiburg.de/forschung/imperien.
The postdoctoral researcher should have completed a PhD dissertation and present evidence of prior research in the field of empire studies. At the time of application, they should present a research project focusing on an innovative topic concerning imperial studies, possibly with a comparative component.

We expect:

- a PhD dissertation in one of the disciplines represented in the RTG
- expertise in one of the subject areas of the RTG, documented by the dissertation or any other publications
- experience in international academic collaboration and interdisciplinary research
- B2 knowledge of German and English; see https://www.sli.uni-freiburg.de/english/tests/tests#cef
- willingness to relocate to Freiburg (exceptions can be made under the current circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic)

We offer:

- excellent opportunities for academic and interdisciplinary research
- excellent opportunities for the development of an international research profile and career advancement
- funding for a research stay abroad (up to eight months) at one of the RTG’s collaborating research institutions
- travel grants for field work, attendance of conferences and lectures within and outside Germany
- opportunities for joining courses on advanced research skills and professional training
- opportunities for teaching, enhancing leadership skills, and gathering further experience in senior research practices (e.g. conference organization, writing funding applications, editing publications, etc.)

Your employment will include:

- to work independently on an innovative research project, which will be finished in 4.5 years with a monograph. It is possible to obtain a Habilitation at the Freiburg University
- to present your project on a regular basis within and outside of the RTG
- to take part in the activities of the RTG and in the meetings of the executive board
• to support and develop the graduate school program and to communicate cooperatively with the professorial staff and Ph.D. students and to support the organization of conferences

**Your application should include:**

• a letter of motivation (1–2 pages)
• an academic CV (including lists of publications, conference papers, distinctions and awards)
• copies of degree certificates and diplomas
• a proposal of a research project (ca. 10 pages), including a time schedule and details of how the project will fit into the RTG’s general research profile
• two letters of recommendation, providing information on your academic and personal qualifications as well as the quality of your application and project, to be sent by the referees directly to the following address: kontakt@grk2571.uni-freiburg.de, under the heading GRK2571_[your name].

Please send your application in a single PDF file by **04.09.2020** with the reference no: 00001167 to the following address: kontakt@grk2571.uni-freiburg.de.

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