

The Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia (IKGA) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW), Austria's central non-university research and science institution, was founded in 1991. It is dedicated to long-term research on Asian cultures. The geographic and cultural area under consideration includes East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia and Central Asia. The Institute facilitates research in cultural history and the history of ideas in the disciplines Indology, Tibetology, Sinology, Japanology, Buddhist Studies, Religious Studies and Philosophy. Research at the Institute, concentrated on selected areas of focus, is grounded in primary sources in the relevant languages and avails itself of philological-historical methods enriched with accents derived from cultural studies. Currently, the IKGA is offering a

POSTDOC POSITION (F*M)
(PD2 "Argumentation")
in a research project on early Tibetan scholasticism
(part-time, 30h per week)

starting July 1, 2021.

The position is part of the ERC-funded consolidator project 101001002 "The Dawn of Tibetan Buddhist Scholasticism (11th–13thc.)" (TibSchol) (directed by Dr. Pascale Hugon). This project integrates the contextual aim of reconstructing the early Tibetan scholastic landscape with the conceptual aim of exploring the Tibetan scholastic method. This involves: Mapping the networks of Tibetan scholastics in the 11th–13th c.; charting the early bKa' gdams pa scholastic corpus; investigating seminal features of the early Tibetan scholastic toolkit; studying how this toolkit was applied in hermeneutics and argumentation.

Your tasks:

- Work in sub-project "Argumentation in early Tibetan scholasticism: theory and practice." This sub-project will explore theories and applications of reasoned analysis in early Tibetan scholasticism. It will examine instances of argumentation in formal proofs, especially in the proof of emptiness. It will also survey discussions pertaining to the value of argumentation in general and explore the discourse surrounding arguments by consequence and autonomous arguments.
- Cooperate with other team members in data mining from works from the bKa' gdams gsung 'bum collection, with a focus on Madhyamaka and epistemological works
- Publishing research results at the highest scientific level
- Sharing research results at international conferences
- Supporting the organisation of academic events and activities related to the project

Your profile:

- Completed PhD in Buddhist Studies or Tibetan studies
- Excellent knowledge of classical Tibetan and familiar with Tibetan Madhyamaka and epistemological (*tshad ma*) literature
- Research background involving text criticism, translation, and historical and/or philosophical analysis (demonstrated in publications)
- Experience with manuscripts in cursive script and works in the bKa' gdams gsung 'bum would be an advantage
- Proficiency in English and strong inter-personal skills

The duration of the position is for a maximum of five years. The contract will initially be for 1 year and will be extended subject to a positive performance review. It terminates with the end of the project at the latest June 30, 2026. For the part-time position of 30h per week, we offer an annual gross salary of € 34.713,84 according to the collective agreement of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Depending on experience and qualification, the salary can be negotiated.

Please send your application materials including cover letter, curriculum vitae, contact details of three referees, and list of publications preferably by email as one PDF document to pascale.hugon@oeaw.ac.at (subject "Application TibSchol PD2 "Argumentation" – Job ID: IKGA024PD221) **no later than April 30, 2021.**

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