Job ID: IFI142DOC121

The Institute of Iranian Studies (IFI) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW), Austria’s leading non-university research facility, undertakes top-level multi-disciplinary research on Iranian and Persianate cultures and societies. The IFI is currently inviting applications for a

**PhD Student Position (F*M)**

(part time, 30 hours per week)

in Cultural, Social and Intellectual History of 16th to 18th-century Central Asia, one of the research focus areas of the IFI, starting on January 1, 2022. A delay of the starting date by a few months can be negotiated.

The successful candidate will work at the IFI in Vienna under the supervision of Florian Schwarz on a topic in the cultural, social and intellectual history of Islamicate societies in early modern Central Asia (with a focus on the area under Shibanid/Töqay-Timurid dominance). This research contributes to the successful candidate’s PhD thesis research.

**Your tasks:**
- Supervised research on the selected topic
- Contributing to a historical database of 16th-18th century Central Asia
- Preparing of and participating in team meetings and workshops in Vienna

**Your profile:**
- Master’s degree or equivalent with excellent scores in Iranian, Central Asian or Islamic Studies or a closely related field with a focus on the post-Mongol Persianate world
- Excellent knowledge of classical Persian
- Knowledge of one or more other relevant source languages (mainly Central Asian literary Turkic and/or classical Arabic) is an advantage
- Fluency in English (written and spoken). Good knowledge of Russian is an advantage
- Willingness to cooperate and to work in a multi-disciplinary research team

We offer a part-time position for a duration of 3 years. The desired starting date is January 01, 2022. The annual gross salary is € 31.326,40 according to the collective agreement of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW).

Applicants should send a cover letter describing their suitability for the position and outlining their personal research interests and potential PhD research topic, a CV, relevant transcripts, and names of two academic advisors who can be contacted for reference via e-mail to Florian Schwarz, florian.schwarz@oeaw.ac.at (mentioning Job ID: IFI142DOC121) no later than November 20, 2021.

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