

Job ID: IKGA127DOC223

The Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia ([IKGA](#)) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences ([OeAW](#)), Austria's leading non-university research and science institution, is offering a

PHD STUDENT POSITION (F/M/X)

(part-time, 30h per week)

in the European Research Council project "The Ethics of Empty Beliefs: Chinese Buddhist Philosophy in the 'Period of Disunity'" ([CHINBUDDHPHIL](#)) ([ERC-2022-StG-101077136](#)).

The successful candidate will contribute to the project, principally by conducting research on the philosophy of the Sanlun 三論 school of Chinese Buddhism.

Your profile:

- Master degree in the field of Buddhist studies, Chinese studies, or a related field (by the start date)
- Excellent knowledge of Classical (and ideally Modern) Chinese
- Very good knowledge of written and spoken English
- Ability and willingness to acquire very good knowledge of written and spoken German
- Demonstrated familiarity with Chinese Buddhist thought during the period under study
- Ideally, demonstrated familiarity with Sanlun Buddhist thought, including in relation to Indian Madhyamaka, other schools of Chinese Buddhism, and/or philosophy broadly speaking

Your tasks:

- Enroll as a PhD student at the University of Vienna. Applicants are advised to familiarize themselves with the enrollment procedures at the University as well as eventual course and language requirements. Candidates already enrolled at another university may be considered provided that employment criteria of the Academy can be fulfilled
- Conduct research as (part of) your doctoral dissertation
- Present research results at workshops and international conferences, and publish your work

We offer:

- A part-time position at 75% for a period of three years (starting September 01st, 2024 or soon thereafter)
- An annual gross salary of € 34.606,85 according to the collective agreement of the Austrian Academy of Sciences
- Attractive working conditions at the IKGA, a well-established and dynamic research institution, as part of the international team of the CHINBUDDHPHIL project

The successful applicant is expected to take up residence in Vienna, a city consistently rated as having a particularly high quality of life. Questions regarding the position can be addressed to the principal investigator, Rafal K. Stepien (rafal.stepien@oeaw.ac.at).

Please send your application materials as a single PDF document to the project manager, Hermine Huber (hermine.huber@oeaw.ac.at), indicating the Job ID IKGA127DOC223 in the heading. Applications should include a cover letter explaining your research interests and motivation for applying, a full CV including list of publications (if applicable) and contact details of three referees, a research proposal sketching a possible dissertation project (ca. 2–3 pages), and a copy of degrees and transcripts. A writing sample should also be included, either as a separate PDF or via download link. Candidates should arrange for one of their referees to submit a letter of recommendation to Hermine Huber at the email address provided. The call is open until the position is filled; applications received before **December 15th 2023** will be assured full consideration.

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