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The Institute for Medieval Research ([IMAFO](#)), Division of Byzantine Research, of the Austrian Academy of Sciences ([OeAW](#)), Austria's leading non-university research institution, is offering a

## POSTDOC POSITION (F/M/X)

(full-time, 40h per week)

starting from November 01<sup>st</sup>, 2023, initially for 3 years (with the possibility of a 1-year extension).

Within the framework of the ERC Starting Grant project RevIdEM "*Reviving the Ascetic Ideal in the Eastern Mediterranean. Entangled Memories of Early Egyptian Monasticism in Medieval Syriac, Arabic, and Armenian Christianity (969-1375 CE)*", funded by the European Research Council (ERC, Grant Nr. 101078631, PI: Dr. Adrian C. Pirtea), the position of a researcher (PostDoc) for studying the medieval Armenian reception of Egyptian Desert Fathers literature is advertised.

### Your tasks:

- To carry out research on and write a monographic study of Armenian monasticism and Armenian manuscript culture in the Cilician period, with a focus on the Armenian reception of the *Apophthegmata Patrum* and related ascetic literature
- To co-author (with the other team members) up to two peer-reviewed research articles on the interactions between Armenian, Syriac and Copto-Arabic monasticism in the medieval period
- To contribute to a TEI/XML database of Armenian, Syriac, and Arabic manuscripts, which will be developed in the framework of the project
- Co-editing the volumes of proceedings resulting from the planned workshops and conferences organized by RevIdEM
- Actively participate in the project's research activities: conferences, workshops, research communication, manuscript research trips (Jerusalem, Venice, Yerevan, etc.)
- Collaboration and exchange with other colleagues in the Department of Byzantine Research and the Institute for Medieval Research.

### Your profile:

- PhD in Armenian Studies or a closely related field
- Good working knowledge of other medieval source languages (especially Byzantine Greek, Latin, Syriac, Arabic, etc.)
- Very good knowledge of English and (recommended) German; good knowledge of Italian, French, Modern Armenian (for secondary literature)
- Significant experience in Armenian palaeography, and the analysis of Armenian manuscripts
- Basic knowledge of TEI/XML for manuscript descriptions or willingness to acquire such skills Relevant publication record
- Excellent knowledge of Classical Armenian
- Capable of working in a team

We offer an annual gross salary of € 60.926,60 according to the salary scheme of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF).

Please send your applications (letter of motivation, a relevant ca. one-page research proposal, curriculum vitae in table format, diplomas) electronically to [Ekaterini.Mitsiou@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:Ekaterini.Mitsiou@oeaw.ac.at) and [Adrian.Pirtea@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:Adrian.Pirtea@oeaw.ac.at) **no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. We look forward to receiving your applications.

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