

Job ID: IMAFO145PD223

The Institute for Medieval Studies ([IMAFO](#)) at the Austrian Academy of Sciences ([OeAW](#)), the largest non-university establishment for fundamental research in Austria is offering a

POSTDOC POSITION (F/M/X)

in German Studies

(part-time, 20h per week)

in the ERC Starting-Grant “ARITHMETIC. German Arithmetical Treatises in Manuscripts of the Late Middle Ages (1400-1522). A Study on Philology, History and Culture based on a Digital Edition of the Treatises.” for a duration of 42 months (March 1st, 2024 until August 31st, 2027).

We study handwritten German arithmetic treatises from their first appearance around 1400 until the time when printed reckoning-books became easily available at the beginning of the 16th century. One major goal of this project is a detailed linguistic analysis focusing on semantics, syntax, the vocabulary, and the transmission context of the textual material.

Your tasks:

- Detailed linguistic analysis of the German corpus with a strong focus on oral linguistics, historical pragmatics, and the development of a mathematical jargon
- Construction of a digital glossary on a late medieval German mathematical jargon
- Dissemination of the research findings in peer-reviewed scholarly outlets
- Participation and organizational support in conferences, workshops (of the project) and in institute’s events.

Your profile:

- PhD or equivalent degree with a specialization in history of German language/linguistics
- Experience in the fields of historic pragmatism, lexicography, and historical special language research
- Experience in the supervision of junior researchers
- Experience in scholarly communication (conference participation, organization of workshops and scholarly gatherings)
- Good communication skills and the ability to work well within a research team
- German Native speaker; very good English is required

Our offer:

- A great working environment at the IMAFO with its interdisciplinary research groups and excellent infrastructure at the OeAW
- The possibility to work autonomously and self-responsibly on an important Work Package of the ERC-grant ARITHMETIC
- Possibility to develop your scholarly profile, gain experience in interdisciplinary studies, and develop your own research questions on the corpus
- The annual gross salary is € 33.250,70, according to the collective agreement of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

Please send your applications including a letter of motivation stating the applicant's research experience (maximum two pages), a curriculum vitae plus certificates for the full academic record, a list of publications, conference presentations, and activities in science communication and three names of references with the full contact information via e-mail to michaela.wiesinger@oeaw.ac.at (mentioning Job ID: IMAFO145PD223) **no later than January 31st, 2024.**

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