The Phonogrammarchiv (PHA) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW), Austria’s leading non-university research and science institution, is offering a

**PROJECT SCIENTIST POSITION (F/M/X)**

*on the Colonial Entanglement of Sound Recordings*

(part-time / 20 hours per week)

to be filled by November 01st, 2023.

The project “On the Colonial Entanglement of Sound Recordings: The Expedition of Viennese Anthropologist Rudolf Pöch to Papua New Guinea (1904-1906)”, led by Cornelia Gruber and Clemens Gütl, is concerned with the structured research and consolidation of archival materials and metadata related to the expedition of the Viennese physician and anthropologist Rudolf Pöch to what is today known as Papua New Guinea (1904-1906). Subsequently, the collected data and metadata will serve as the basis for an exemplary investigation into the history of colonial entanglement of expeditions, and thus of historical sound recordings and knowledge formation in the Phonogrammarchiv of the OeAW. The results of the source research will be made available on a website.

The project is funded by the Magistratsabteilung 7 – Kultur, Wissenschafts- und Forschungsförderung der Stadt Wien.

**Your tasks:**
- Research, critical review, and processing of historical sources in Austrian archives and museums
- Search for primary sources (online) in international institutions (archives, museums, etc.)
- Preparation of the metadata for presentation on a website (in close cooperation with website designer)
- Locating and establishing and maintaining contact with other archives, researchers, and descendants of the individuals who were recorded
- Co-organization of an international hybrid network meeting

**Your profile:**
- Completed studies (MA, Mag., Dipl.) relevant to project
- Strong methodological skill set relevant to job description and practical experience in archival research (critical analysis, review, and preparation of historical sources and secondary literature, etc.)
- Knowledge of the history of European colonialism, anthropology, and ethnology of the 19th and 20th centuries
- Knowledge of discourses of postcolonial / decolonial studies, and critical consciousness concerning the assessment of historical documents and “research expeditions” of the colonial period
- Independent, self-reliant, and well-organized
- Team orientation, great communication skills
- Very good English and German language skills
- Interest in historical sound recordings and issues of representation
- Desired additional knowledge: transcription of documents in current script; language skills in Dutch; experience in planning and organizing events; relevant knowledge around the project topic, e.g., critical archival studies, history of Papua New Guinea

**Our offer:**
- Flexible and family-friendly working hours
- Collective agreement gross salary of € 1.647,95 per month
- The position is advertised for a period of 7 months (Nov 01st, 2023 to May 31st, 2024)
Your application documents in German or English should include (1) a letter of motivation (max. 2 pages), (2) a tabular CV, and (3) relevant academic certificates.

Please send your application in PDF format, quoting Job ID PHA107PM223, to bewerbung@oeaw.ac.at by September 04th, 2023 at the latest. Please direct any inquiries to Dr. Cornelia Gruber cornelia.gruber@oeaw.ac.at.

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