

Reference number 110/2023 **PhD Position** (50% E13 TV-L)

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The position, offered from June 1, 2023 or as soon as possible thereafter, is tied to Junior Professorship in History of Religions at the Institute for the Study of Religion, the Faculty of History, Art and Area Studies.

Potential candidates are invited to propose projects that explore historical dimensions of religion in Africa, ideally focusing on indigenous religions. Preference will be given to candidates who engage with postcolonial theories of religion.

About the position

- Fixed term until 31.03.2026
- Part-time (50%) employment contract
- Pay level E13 TV-L

Duties

- further academic qualification (dissertation)
- active participation in daily activities of the Institute
- teaching two weekly lecture hours in the Bachelor's and Master's programs in the Study of Religion, including participation in examinations (teaching in German and English is expected)
- supporting the junior professorship in the research projects

Requirements

- successfully completed university degree (Diploma, MA or equivalent) in the Study of Religion or related fields (e.g. Anthropology, History, African Studies)
- a research project that focuses on religion in Africa, preferably African indigenous religions
- fluency in English and advanced command of German (written and spoken) along with the willingness to improve during contract
- ability to work independently and as part of a team

What we offer

- modern workplace and attractive working conditions (mobile working)
- flexible working hours and work-life balance
- goal-oriented staff development through your working life, with opportunities for continuing professional development
- pension plan
- commuter pass for the MDV network

Please email your application (including cover letter, short project description, CV, and an abstract of the MA thesis) as a single file named SURNAME_FIRSTNAME.pdf to bewerbung_rewi@uni-leipzig.de by April 15, 2023. Please note that it is not possible to guarantee confidentiality and rule out unauthorised access by third parties when communicating by unencrypted email. The documents can also be mailed to the following address: Leipzig University, Institute for the Study of Religion, Schillerstr. 6, 04109 Leipzig. We kindly request that you submit copies only, as we are unable to return application documents. Interview expenses will not be reimbursed.

Leipzig University aims to increase the proportion of women in positions of responsibility and therefore expressly invites qualified women to apply. Severely disabled persons – or persons deemed legally equal to

them under Book IX of the German Social Code – are encouraged to apply and will be given preference in the case of equal suitability.

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