

The Cluster of Excellence “Africa Multiple: Reconfiguring African Studies” at the University of Bayreuth, Germany, invites applications for one part time (75%) position in an interdisciplinary research project of a

Research Associate / Doctoral Researcher (75%) in the Study of Religion (m/f/d)

to commence on 1 October 2019 or as soon as possible after this date. The contract period will be three and a half years (42 months; with a possible extension of six months depending on availability of funds). The salary will be determined in accordance with the collective agreement of the German Länder for civil service (TV-L) at pay grade E13.

The PhD position offers the opportunity to contribute to the project “Religious engineering – the making of moralities, development and religion in Niger”, which is part of an ambitious research agenda that brings together various disciplines. The successful candidate is expected to develop and pursue a PhD project on Turkey-related charitable activism in Niger. S/he will also provide academic services within the project that include workshop organisation and independent supervision of research assistants. The position offers the opportunity to be integrated in the Bayreuth International Graduate of African Studies (BIGSAS).

Requirements

- Master’s degree (or equivalent) in the Study of Religion or a closely related field
- Capacity to co-design and conduct empirical field work in Niger and Turkey
- Capacity for teamwork in an interdisciplinary environment
- Prior knowledge on Islam and Islamic organisations with Turkish background
- Fluency in English (spoken and written)
- A good command of Turkish and French
- German language skills are suitable but not necessary

“Africa Multiple” and the University of Bayreuth as an equal opportunity employer promote gender equality and diversity. Therefore, we encourage women to apply. Qualified candidates with disabilities or applicants with equivalent status receive preference in the application process.

Applications should include a cover letter mentioning the earliest possible start of contract, CV, copies of degree certificates or diplomas, contact data of two academic references and a short outline of ideas concerning a possible PhD project that fits the thematic requirements. Documents need to be submitted in one single PDF document to Prof. Dr. Paula Schrode (paula.schrode@uni-bayreuth.de).

The screening process will start on 15 September 2019 but continue until the position is filled. You can check the news section of www.religion.uni-bayreuth.de to find out whether the position has been filled.