

The University of Vienna (20 faculties and centres, 179 fields of study, approximately 10.000 members of staff, about 90.000 students) seeks to fill the position, from 01.10.2021 onwards, of a

University Assistant (post doc) at the Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies

Reference number: 12159

The Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies ranks among the largest university centres for the philological-cultural study of South Asia and Tibet in the German-speaking world and is the home of several third-party funded research projects. Through cooperation with numerous academic institutions worldwide the Department is very well connected with the international scholarly community.

Duration of employment: 4 years (until 30.09.2025)

Extent of Employment: 40.0 hours/week

Job grading in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement: §48 VwGr. B1 lit. b (postdoc), with relevant work experience determining the assignment to a particular salary grade.

The tasks of the successful applicant will include the support of the professorship in the intellectual and cultural history of pre-modern South Asia (“Indology”) in research and teaching, as well as independent research and teaching of courses as defined by the collective agreement. The building up or development of an independent research profile and further post-doctoral academic qualification in the form of preparing or completing a (publication-ready) habilitation thesis are particularly desirable. International scholarly publishing and lecturing activity is expected.

Applicants should have a PhD in the area of South Asian Studies or a related discipline focussing on the intellectual and cultural history of pre-modern South Asia (“Indology”). Their research focus should be on the literature of pre-modern South Asia (Epics, Purāṇas, ornate poetry, narrative literature, etc.). Research should be oriented towards the history of ideas on the basis of sources in the primary languages Sanskrit and Pali as well as other Prakrit languages, and with the application of sound philological methods supplemented by methods of Literary and/or Religious Studies and knowledge of the indigenous scholarly traditions of poetics and/or grammar. Furthermore, applicants should be well familiar with these traditions or another one among the scholarly traditions of pre-modern South Asia. Excellent knowledge of classical Sanskrit, especially of the Sanskrit of the various genres of belles lettres, is expected. Applicants should furthermore be familiar with the practical and methodological aspects of working with South Asian manuscript sources. They should be able to offer their own courses within the BA curriculum “Languages and Cultures of South Asia and Tibet” and the MA curriculum “Languages and Cultures of South Asia” in the areas

of language, literature and scholarly traditions of South Asia, and to mentor and supervise students. Moreover, applicants should be ready to collaborate in current research projects in the area of pre-modern South Asian Studies at the Department, to participate in research, teaching and departmental administration, and to support departmental publication and data base projects. They should also be ready to participate in evaluation measures and administrative procedures of quality assurance.

Very good knowledge of spoken and written English, familiarity with application software commonly used in the discipline, and ability to work in a team are expected. Applicants who do not have German as their mother tongue should demonstrate good active and very good passive knowledge of German.

Your application should include the following documents: letter of motivation (German or English); academic curriculum vitae with lists of publications, lectures and taught courses; description of the research foci, further research interests and research agenda, including the planned habilitation project; contact details of two referees

Applications (German or English) should be submitted, preferably via the Job Center, to the University of Vienna (<http://jobcenter.univie.ac.at>) no later than 22.09.2021 mentioning reference number 12159.

For further information please contact Karin Preisendanz (karin.preisendanz@univie.ac.at).

The University pursues a non-discriminatory employment policy and values equal opportunities, as well as diversity (<http://diversity.univie.ac.at/>). The University lays special emphasis on increasing the number of women in senior and academic positions. Given equal qualifications, preference will be given to female applicants.