

Job Advertisement

Within the Research Training Group 2304 “Byzantium and the Euro-Mediterranean Cultures of War. Exchange, Differentiation and Reception”, which is financed by the DFG (German Research Foundation), there is at the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz

1 position for doctoral research associate (pay scale TV-L13, 2/3 FTE) in Eastern European History

to be filled by **1 January 2020** for a contract period of three years.

The successful candidate will write a PhD thesis on cultures of war in Eastern Europe during the Middle Ages and the Early Modern period, including their relationship to Byzantium. Possible subjects include cultural contact between Byzantium and the Rus', war and rulership, or warfare itself, including in historiographical and iconographic comparison. More specifically, dissertation topics could include the investigation of the legitimation of authority and war by the Tsars Ivan Groznyj and Mikhail and Aleksey Romanov in the 16th and 17th centuries, or the Muscovite ruler as a leader of armies (14th – 16th centuries). Additionally, theses could explore reception phenomena, such as the analysis of the Varangians and Slavs as a threat to Byzantium in the reception of Russian textual and pictorial culture of the 18th and 19th centuries. Additional information can be found online at <https://grk-byzanz-wars.uni-mainz.de/eastern-european-history/> Proposals for individual topic are welcome, as long as they relate to the RTG's research focus.

Supervisor and point of contact: Prof. Dr. Jan Kusber (Eastern European History).

The project is part of the interdisciplinary Research Training Group 2304 “Byzantium and the Euromediterranean Cultures of War”. Participating in this Research Training Group are the disciplines of Ancient History, Ancient Church History/Theology, Byzantine Studies, Medieval History, Eastern European History, Early Modern Church History, Classical Archaeology, Christian Archaeology and Byzantine Art History, Early and Prehistorical Archaeology (with a focus on Medieval Archaeology) and Musicology. A thorough description of the research program and the emphases of the participating disciplines is available on the homepage [<https://grk-byzanz-wars.uni-mainz.de/>].

Upon acceptance the graduate students are to participate in a structured doctoral program at the JGU Mainz, for which residence in Mainz is required. The Research Training Group offers intensive specialized and interdisciplinary exchange, cross-disciplinary doctoral supervision by two professors from amongst the participating schol-

ars, praxis-oriented courses directed at public engagement (including through museums), a comprehensive range of key qualifications (e.g. from the sphere of Digital Humanities) and diverse opportunities for international networking.

Requirements for the application include a degree (Magister, M.A. or the equivalent) completed with above-average marks in History and relevant language skills (russian) as well as openness to interdisciplinary work.

The following application materials are to be submitted electronically in a single pdf (in German or English):

- A letter of application (one page)
- An outline of the planned dissertation project (two pages)
- A curriculum vitae with list of publications (if applicable), degree diplomas, certificates of scholarly activities
- Master's Thesis (or equivalent)

The Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz is keen on increasing the proportion of women within the sphere of scholarship and therefore especially welcomes applications from female researchers. Disabled persons will be given preference if equally qualified.

For subject-related questions please direct your queries to Prof. Dr. Jan Kusber, other questions to the Spokesperson.

The application deadline ends by **20 September 2019**.

The application materials along with two letters of recommendation from university-level instructors, who should submit their letters separately, are to be addressed to the Spokesperson of the Research Training Group, Prof. Dr. Johannes Pahlitzsch, (address: grk2304@uni-mainz.de; subject-line: grk2304_Last Name).

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