Freie Universität Berlin - Fachbereich Philosophie und Geisteswissenschaften - Institut für Englische Philologie Global Literature and Its Media with a Focus on Gender Studies

Research assistant (postdoc) (f/m/d)

full-time job - 100% Limited up to 6 years salary grade (Entgeltgruppe) 13 TV-L FU
reference code: Postdoctoral Researcher (m/f/d) - 100%

City: Berlin; Starting date (earliest): At the earliest possible; Duration: Limited up to 6 years; Remuneration: Entgeltgruppe 13 TV-L FU; Reference number: Postdoctoral Researcher (m/f/d) - 100%; Closing date: 23/11/26

Tasks

The postdoctoral position offers the opportunity to develop and conduct an independent research project that makes a substantial contribution to the research agenda of the Chair of Global Literature and Its Media with a Focus on Gender Studies at the Department of English Philology, Freie Universität Berlin.

The team at Global Literature and Its Media explores Anglophone literatures, cultures, and media from transhistorical, intersectional, and global perspectives, spanning the early modern period to the present and extending beyond Britain to literary and cultural formations shaped by empire, colonialism, migration, and global circulation. Key areas of research include the relationships between literature, empire, and coloniality; the economic, material, and medial conditions of literary production and circulation; and questions of embodiment, affect, gender, sexuality, citizenship, and belonging. The Chair is particularly interested in how literature and the arts engage with global political, legal, economic, and cultural regimes, and their affective inflections, while also generating forms of knowledge and imagining alternative modes of relationality and collective life.

Job description:

- Participation in research and teaching in the fields of Global Literature and Its Media and Gender Studies
- Independent development and implementation of a postdoctoral research project drawing on approaches from Global Literatures, Postcolonial Studies, and/or World Literature, with an intersectional orientation
- Close collaboration with the research conducted in the sub-project “Intervention verkörpern: Literature, Citizenship, and the Market of Belonging” within the Collaborative Research Centre “Intervening Arts” at Freie Universität Berlin

- Organisation and moderation of workshops, international conferences, lecture series, and public-facing research events
- Participation in publications and third-party funding initiatives
- Supervision of theses and support for early-career researchers
- Assistance in developing new teaching materials and courses in the field of Global Literatures

Requirements

Requirements:
Completed university studies and a doctoral degree in literary studies or a related discipline, with substantial qualifications in literary studies.

Desirable:

- Familiarity with the research field of the Chair or central aspects thereof
- Experience in academic organisation and coordination
- Experience in interdisciplinary collaborative research projects
- An integrative approach, team work and strong interpersonal skills
- International academic experience and familiarity with different academic systems
- Experience in conceiving, organising, and conducting a range of academic discussion formats, including workshops, conferences, larger international conferences, and independently developed formats
- Excellent academic writing and publication record in English
- Excellent command of German and English; at least C1 CEFR in English and at least B2 CEFR in German

Application

In addition to the usual relevant application documents (CV, degree certificates, and publication list), applications should include a research proposal of no more than five pages, written in either German or English. Applications should be submitted quoting the reference code, in PDF format (ONE single document) by email to: melanie.krueger@fu-berlin.de or postal to

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