

## Job Announcement

### Research Associate Positions in Urban Agency and Perception / Medieval Archaeology

The new Cluster ROOTS – Social, Environmental, and Cultural Connectivity in Past Societies in the frame of the German Excellence Initiative explores social, environmental, and cultural processes that have substantially shaped past human development (and which are still active today). Research is organized in six research units (i.e. subclusters) covering six foci: (1) Environmental hazards and impacts; (2) Dietary intake and disease; (3) Knowledge production, technology, and innovation; (4) **Population agglomeration and urbanisation**; (5) Social differentiation and inequalities; and (6) Conflict and conciliation. The ROOTS ‘Reflective Turn’ will enable cross-disciplinary dialogue and enquiries within and between research foci, providing an overarching theoretical frame.

The Research Associates and Doctoral positions participate in the ROOTS Young Academy. The ROOTS Young Academy brings together young experts from an array of disciplines, which support ROOTS research with innovative research ideas. The Young Academy provides young researchers with excellent conditions for a successful career and personal development.

Therefore, we invite applications for the following positions to begin as early as possible:

#### 07RA Research Associate Positions in Urban Agency and Perception / Medieval Archaeology

Profile: Medieval Archaeology

The candidate shall conduct excellent, interdisciplinary research on specific research questions dealing with the interdependences between urban environmental settings, material and immaterial resources, forms of urban design, mental concepts of urbanity, urban agency and perception. The post holder shall develop innovative theoretical and methodological concepts as well as create networks within the international scientific community. This involves also genuine research interest in comparisons across time and space and in exploring methodological and epistemological problems. She/he will organize and participate in international seminars, workshops and conferences. Moreover, the post holder will be given the opportunity to present the outcomes of the study in a monograph (or equivalent format).

An integration into the research agenda of ‘Urban ROOTS’ is expected as well as cooperation with other subclusters. Joint research is expected with the Doctoral Position 10PhD, 11PhD as well as with the Research Associate Position 06RA.

Required qualifications: Excellent Ph.D. and track record in Medieval Archaeology; additional expertise in environmental history or economic history is advantageous.

Contact: Annette Haug and Ulrich Müller (subcluster-speakers)

We are seeking outstanding scholars and scientists with highly interdisciplinary profiles to conduct research on pertinent topics as they relate to the broader themes of ROOTS (further information can be found at: <https://www.jma.uni-kiel.de/en/roots>). Within the broad interdisciplinary frame of ROOTS, the position holders will be hosted by the ROOTS Young Academy, which offers endowment with research funds at own disposal, access to high-end infrastructures, as well as teaching opportunity. The Research Associates will be affiliated with the Johanna Mestorf Academy at Kiel University ([www.jma.uni-kiel.de](http://www.jma.uni-kiel.de)).

Required qualifications include: a Ph.D. in a field relevant to the interdisciplinary theme of 'ROOTS - Social, Environmental, and Cultural Connectivity in Past Societies'; a strong record of research and publication. Candidates will be evaluated on the strength and novelty of their research proposal, previous research background, academic experience on an international basis, and publication record in internationally renowned journals and/or book series.

Salary will be commensurate. at level TV-L 13 (02RA until 09RA) or TV-L 14 (01RA) of the federal wage agreement scheme (Tarifvertrag der Länder). It is a fulltime-position (currently 38,7 h/week). The initial duration of this post is for 3 years, renewable up to 6 years total, pending positive evaluation.

Part-time employment is principally possible. Potential part-time demands will be evaluated with regard to the work requirements formulated in the job description.

Before submitting an application, candidates are strongly encouraged to contact representatives of the ROOTS subclusters or platforms to find out whether their proposed project fits into the research foci. The result of this inquiry should be mentioned in the application and is obligatory for the application.

Kiel University is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to increasing the proportion of female scientists in research and teaching, and strongly encourages female applicants. Women will be given preference in case of equal suitability, competence, and professional performance. The University is also committed to the employment of disabled person, and such individuals will be accorded preference if suitable.

Applications by people with a migration background are particularly welcome.

For the Research Associate Positions, please send the following documents as a single .pdf document:

- a cover letter;
- CV (including list of publications);
- the proposed research agenda no longer than 2500 words, including a brief summary, state of the art, a concise project description, and a work schedule;
- a short statement describing your proposed research contribution with regards to the overall aims of ROOTS;
- the names of two references with contact information;
- a copy (in .pdf format) of your PhD dissertation;

- certificates of academic degrees, including proof of completion of the doctorate.
- All documents must be submitted in English, with the exception of the PhD thesis.

**The application deadline for all positions is 06/05/2019.**

Please include the code of the job you are applying for at the beginning of your cover letter!

Please address your application to:

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