



Research Fellow, Department of South Asia

Description:

The Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Research Fellow in the Department of South Asia with a tentative start date of June 2022. The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. in South Asian Studies, the history and/or anthropology of South Asia, or a relevant field, with a focus on the society, culture, or politics of modern or contemporary South Asia. We are currently not seeking candidates with a focus on art or literature. The candidate must be fluent in written and spoken English and have working knowledge in at least one Indian language with the ability to work with relevant source material. We prioritize scholars knowing Marathi, Telugu, Malayalam or Punjabi but other Indian languages are also applicable. The duration of the position is two years, with the possibility of extension. Successful candidates are expected to be in residence in Prague. We reserve the right not to fill this position.

Responsibilities:

- Produce high-quality academic publications
- Actively participate in the Institute's seminars, workshops, and academic activities
- Contribute to enhancing the Institute's international networks and outreach

Salary and Benefits:

- 1400-1600 EUR/month depending on experience
- Full health benefits
- 5-weeks annual vacation
- Travel and research stipends
- Support for professional development and further study

To Apply:

Please submit a CV, publication list, project proposal (no more than 3 pages), and one writing sample (preferably a published article or book chapter) to Dr. Pavel Hons (hons@orient.cas.cz). Two letters of reference should also be sent by referees to the same email address. Inquiries related to the position may be directed to Dr. Hons. **Deadline: March 18, 2022**



About the Oriental Institute:

The Oriental Institute (www.orient.cas.cz) is a public non-university research institution. The Institute currently employs approximately 30 researchers from across the Czech Republic, Europe, Asia, and the United States. Formally established in 1922, the Oriental Institute is one of the oldest institutions dedicated to the study of Oriental cultures in Central and Eastern Europe. Since 1993, it has fallen administratively under the auspices of the Czech Academy of Sciences (CAS), an umbrella research institution similar in function to its counterparts in continental Europe, such as the CNRS in France. The CAS was established in 1992 as the Czech successor to the former Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences. It is set up as a complex of 54 public research institutions. The primary mission of the CAS and its institutes is to conduct basic research in a broad spectrum of the natural, technical and social sciences and the humanities. This research, whether highly specialized or interdisciplinary in nature, aims to advance developments in scientific knowledge at the international level, while also taking into account the specific needs of both Czech society and national culture. In a country such as the Czech Republic, where university departments dealing with Oriental studies tend to be small and understaffed, the structure of non-university research bodies with permanent research positions brings numerous benefits. Among other things, scholars are enabled to pursue their specializations according to the needs of relevant fields of study, aiming correspondingly at the highest levels of research quality. The framework of the Institute allows for a flexible and open ended approach to research initiatives in Asia-related topics, creating, in effect, an ideal environment for interdisciplinary research. The research quality is guaranteed by the Council of the Institute, composed of both internal and external members, and regular – both Czech and international – peer-review evaluations. Currently, the work of our researchers is mainly focused on the Arab world, Iran, Israel, Turkey, India, Central Asia, Southeast Asia, China, Tibet, Japan, and the ancient Near East.

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