

Job Opening: Director, Oriental Institute Research Center in Taiwan (OIRCT)

The Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Director of its branch office in Taiwan with a tentative start date of June 1, 2022. This position is based in Taipei, Taiwan and consists of 75% research and 25% administrative duties. The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. in Chinese, Taiwan, Japanese, or Asian Studies, or any relevant field where East Asia is the focal point of research. They will be expected to publish academic articles in English, present their research at international conferences, coordinate and support visits to the center by international scholars, and organize outreach activities on behalf of the center. Outreach activities will include arranging lectures (1-2 per year), small workshops (1 per year), and an international conference in collaboration with Taiwanese partners (every other year). We are particularly interested in candidates who have a professional relationship with Taiwanese academia. Proficiency in English and Chinese is required. This is a 2-year position with the possibility of renewal.

Benefits:

- 2,000–2,300 EUR/month depending on experience.
- Full health benefits.
- 5-weeks annual vacation.
- Office at the Institute of the History and Philology, Academia Sinica (AS) and access to all its resources with a status of visiting scholar.
- Assistance in applying for AS housing.
- One round-trip economy class plane ticket per year to Taiwan.

To Apply:

Please send a cover letter, CV, research statement (max. 2 pages), writing sample, and the names of two references in a single PDF document to Oriental Institute Director **Táňa Dluhošová** at dluhosova@orient.cas.cz. All materials must be received by **January 31, 2022** to receive full consideration. All inquiries may be directed to Dr. Táňa Dluhošová.

About the Taiwan Center:

The Oriental Institute Research Center in Taiwan (OIRCT) was established on December 3, 2015, after being granted affiliation by the [Institute of History and Philology](#) of [Academia Sinica](#). It is funded

by the Oriental Institute and its mission is to facilitate and strengthen academic cooperation between the Oriental Institute and other Czech research organizations with Taiwanese and broader East Asian academia.

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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