



PhD Program between the Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) and the China Scholarship Council (CSC)

Open PhD position at FUB for CSC scholarship candidates 2017

Please note: the PhD position is only offered to Chinese PhD candidates for application in the framework of the FUB-CSC PhD Program.

<u>Department/Institute:</u>	Department of Political and Social Sciences, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Research Area Visual and Media Anthropology
<u>Subject area:</u>	Digital Anthropology
<u>Name of Supervisor:</u>	Univ.-Prof. Dr. Undine FRÖMMING (Ms.)
<u>Number of open PhD positions:</u>	2
<u>Type of the PhD Study:</u>	Full-time or Sandwich
<u>Project title:</u>	Digitalization strategies in Religions

PhD Project description:

The PhD project should deal with the digitalization processes of Religion and Culture, especially the new process of using new media to spread religious content and ideas in the own country and world-wide; be it in form of Webpages, films (fictive, animated or documentary forms), special applications with religious content or online and mobile phone games. The PhD project should probably consider the creation of specific robot monk figures, as they were developed in Chinese Buddhist monasteries and should reflect on the appropriation of nature and the construction of digital landscape in the production of religious media content.

The project should critically engage with the question of power structures through different forms of digital recruitment, proselytization and conversion.

Language requirements:

IELTS 6.5 or TOEFL 95 ibt.

Academic requirements:

Social and Cultural Anthropology, Ethnology, Visual Anthropology, Media or Digital Anthropology

Information of the professor or research group leader:

Prof. Dr. Urte Undine Frömming is the head of the Master's Program in Visual and Media Anthropology (since its inception winter semester 2008/2009) and the head of the research area "Environmental Anthropology" at Freie Universität Berlin. Besides her interest in Visual and Media Anthropology, she specializes in Environmental Anthropology and the Social Anthropology of hazards and disasters (imagination, coping and adaptative strategies). She has completed several visual anthropological fieldwork studies in Eastern Indonesia, in East-Africa (Tanzania) and in Iceland. She is a member of the work group "Visual Anthropology" at the German Anthropological Association (DGV) and member of the European Forum for the Study of Religion and the Environment.

Please note:

In a first step the complete application should be submitted to the Beijing Office for evaluation by January 4th, 2017. Please don't contact the professor before. He/She will get in contact with you after having received the complete application in January.