



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

Open PhD Position at Freie Universität Berlin, offered only to Chinese CSC scholarship candidates 2019

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

<u>Department/Institute:</u>	Dept. of. Historical and Cultural Studies
<u>Subject area:</u>	Ancient Cultures and Languages of the Silk Road; Iranian Studies; Central Asian Archaeology
<u>Name of Supervisor:</u>	Prof. Dr. Desmond Durkin-Meisterernst; Prof. Dr. Abdurishid Yakup; Prof. Dr. Alberto Cantera Gleba; Prof. Dr. Ingeborg Baldauf; Prof. Dr. Mayke Wagner
<u>Number of open PhD positions:</u>	2
<u>Type of the PhD Study:</u>	Full-time PhD
<u>Project title:</u>	Berlin Graduate School of Ancient Studies (BerGSAS), PhD programme "Languages and Cultures of the Silk Road"

PhD Project description:

BerGSAS is offering 2 study places (not funded) for the summer term 9, starting on April 2019. BerGSAS provides a structured curriculum. The "Languages and Cultures of the Silk Road" programme covers Central Asia essentially in the period from the beginning of the present era up to the arrival of Islam in the area (10th c. in Kashgar, ca. 14th c. in Turfan) and therefore concentrates on the broad range of attested languages and literatures of Buddhist, Manichaean and Christian communities and on a lesser quantity of secular documents. The Turfan collection in Berlin provides an ideal opportunity to study original materials. A wealth of recently excavated sites and find materials in Central and Eastern Asia allow new approaches to a number of old questions concerning the complex cultural history along the Silk Roads. The candidates are free to choose their own topics, and it is important to remember that texts and artifacts that have already been published often have a lot more to reveal than has already been discovered. The following is an indication of the kind of topics possible and is not intended to exhaust or limit the possibilities.

In the field of Iranian studies: A comprehensive study of the Sogdian Buddhist texts; a study of the verbal system and a detailed analysis of its use in Middle Persian, Parthian or Sogdian texts; a study of the composition of the Manichaean Parthian hymn-cycles; and so on.

In the field of Turkic studies: Paleography of Old Uyghur texts written in Uyghur script; Terminology and Phraseology of Old Uyghur Agama texts; Word order in Old

Uyghur texts; Modality operators in Old Turkic texts; Literary documents of the early Islamic period.

In the field of archaeology and cultural history: How did knowledge spread and transform societies in Eastern Central Asia in the first Millennium AD?; Reconstruction of the individual life history and kinship of oasis settlers based on objects and texts; Identification of raw materials and products, which are representative for particular time periods, locations, or communities in Xinjiang.

Language requirements:

- IELTS: 6,5 oder TOEFL: 95 ibt

Academic requirements:

We welcome applications from highly qualified graduates from the field of:
Iranian Studies, Turkic Studies, Prehistoric Archaeology, Near Eastern Archaeology, East Asian Archaeology.

Candidates must hold an exemplary Master's degree, or equivalent degree. For Language Studies as Iranian, or Turkic Studies a profound knowledge and very good command of Ancient Languages is mandatory.

Information of the professor or research group leader (website, awards etc.):

Principal Investigators:

Prof. Dr. Desmond Durkin-Meisterernst (Program Director), <http://www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/e/iranistik/mitarbeiter/honorarprofessoren/index.html>

Prof. Dr. Mayke Wagner, Vice-Director of the Eurasia Department and Head of the DAI Beijing Branch, <https://www.dainst.org/mitarbeiter-detailansicht/-person-display/14043>

Prof. Dr. Alberto Cantera Gleba, Chair for Iranian Studies, <http://www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/en/e/iranistik/mitarbeiter/professoren/cantera/index.html>

Prof. Dr. Abdurishid Yakup, Head of the Turfan-Branch at BBAW, <http://www.bbaw.de/die-akademie/mitarbeiter/yakup>

Please Note: In a first step, the complete application should be submitted to the Beijing Office for evaluation by January 4th, 2019. Please do not contact the professor before. He/she will get in contact with you after having received the complete application via the Beijing Office in January.