



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>	Institute of Ancient Near Eastern Studies
<u>Subject Area:</u>	Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Assyriology
<u>Name of Supervisor:</u>	Prof. Dr. Eva Cancik-Kirschbaum
<u>Number of Open PhD Positions:</u>	1
<u>Type of the PhD Study:</u>	Full-time or Sandwich
<u>Project Title:</u>	Rethinking Oriental Despotism – Strategies of Governance and Modes of Participation in the Ancient Near East

PhD Project Description:

The project "Rethinking Oriental Despotism – Strategies of Governance and Modes of Participation in the Ancient Near East" aims at a broad investigation of the genesis, forms, and functions of political orders in Ancient Near Eastern societies, with a particular view towards dynamic-processual forms of implementing and organizing political power. The successful candidate is expected to complete a dissertation based on an in-depth analysis of particular topics, which will contribute to these overall goals, preferably with a focus on the 2nd or early 1st millennium BCE. Proposals on aspects of local or archival contexts, forms of political and administrative participation, the relationship of large and small-scale organizational structures, and degrees of formalization in governatory practice are welcome.

Language Requirements:

IELTS: 6,5 / TOEFL: 95 ibt OR German: TestDaF 16 / DSH 2

Academic Requirements:

Candidates are expected to have obtained or be close to obtaining a Master's degree in the field of Assyriology or Ancient Near Eastern Studies and have attained working knowledge of at least one Ancient Near Eastern language, preferably Akkadian. Applicants with a Bachelor's degree in Ancient Near Eastern Studies can be considered subject to the pursuit of an additional two years of coursework in Berlin.

Information of the Professor or Research Group Leader:

Prof. Dr. Eva Cancik-Kirschbaum is professor of Ancient Near Eastern Studies at the Freie Universität Berlin and specializes in the history and cultures of Mesopotamia. She is the author of numerous publications, including on the historical geography of Upper Mesopotamia, the history of Assyria, and editions of cuneiform sources. Since 2018, she has

co-directed the research project "Rethinking Oriental Despotism" together with Prof. Dr. Jörg Klinger.

Further information can be found on the pages of the Institute of Ancient Near Eastern Studies:

http://www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/e/altorient/Mitarbeiter_innen/Institut/cancik-kirschbaum.html

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.