

Call for Applications

Central aims of the future development concept *International Network University*, which won a funding award in the Excellence Initiative in 2007 and again in 2012, are supporting junior scholars and increasing the cooperation with non-university partner institutions. To meet these goals, Freie Universität Berlin intends to implement several **Junior Research Groups** that will be managed by junior professors.

To enhance their cooperation, especially in the field of already existing cooperation with the Research Unit Intellectual History of the Islamicate World, Freie Universität Berlin and the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG) jointly invite applications for a

Junior Professorship in Islamic Studies focusing on Rational Thinking in the premodern Islamicate World (W 1)

at the
Department of History and Cultural Studies
Institute of Islamic Studies / Research Unit Intellectual History of the Islamicate World

The successful applicant will be required to conduct research and teach in the area named above and to manage a Junior Research Group.

Appointment requirements are governed by article 102a of the Berlin Higher Education Act (Berliner Hochschulgesetz).

The successful applicant will hold an excellent Ph.D. in Islamic Studies, Arabic Studies Jewish Studies or Christian Near Eastern studies with a focus on medieval intellectual history in the islamicate world. The appointee will have an outstanding track record of university teaching and research, preferably with a strong international component, especially in the fields of rational theology and the methodology of law and kalām and uşūl al-fiqh in the broader field of the history of thought in the islamicate world. She or he should have a long experience in international teaching and publication as well as with working with manuscript materials. Candidates should be proficient in English, French, Arabic and Farsi and have experience in international research, especially in research groups and with sponsored research.

The appointee is expected to contribute to the research activities of the Research Unit Intellectual History of the Islamicate World and participate in the creation and execution of new research projects. The junior professor should also assume the responsibility of teaching courses on the medieval intellectual history of the islamicate world. She or he will cooperate with colleagues at the research center on internationalizing teaching and on the promotion of young researchers.

The junior professor will be appointed as a civil servant for an initial duration of three years. Provided that her or his performance is thereafter evaluated positively, employment may be extended for three more years.

Applications quoting the reference **JW-IHIW-2013** should include a CV, copies of all certificates of academic qualification, a list of publications, evidence of educational competence (such as courses previously taught) as well as involvement in ongoing and future research endeavors, joint research projects and externally funded projects.

All materials must be received **no later than September 8th, 2013** at

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Fachbereich Geschichts- und Kulturwissenschaften
Dekanat, z.Hd. Frau Emmrich-Willingham
Koserstraße 20
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[Application guidelines](#) and general information on the appointment procedure as well as [requirements for junior professorships](#) at Freie Universität Berlin can be found at www.fu-berlin.de/praesidialamt.

For additional details, please visit

www.fu-berlin.de

www.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de

www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/en/e/islamwiss, and [http://www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/en/e/islamwiss/institut/Intellectual History in the Islamicate World1](http://www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/en/e/islamwiss/institut/Intellectual_History_in_the_Islamicate_World1)