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Greetings to all of you!

With this special edition of FUINDNEWS we would like to draw your attention to the call of applications for professorships and scholarships for post-docs at Freie Universität Berlin. These calls are part of the efforts of Freie Universität Berlin to attract young scholars and scientists to spend some time of their academic career in Berlin.

We are pleased to share the milestone achieved by one of the FU Alumna. Ms. Charnita Arora, finished her graduate studies at Freie Universität Berlin and continues back in India at Delhi University as Assistant Professor, was the winner of the Science Slam at "Excellence on Tour" of the German House of Science and Innovation. The Slam took place end of March in Kolkata. The six day exhibition was visited by 11000 people. The interview with Charnita Arora will be placed on our website <http://www.fuberlin.in/>.

Another announcement: we will soon be present on facebook as well.

Applications invited for Professorships position at Freie Universität Berlin:

In 2007, with its future development concept *International Network University*, Freie Universität Berlin succeeded in winning a major government funding award in the German *Excellence Initiative*. This award acknowledges special academic achievements, giving the title *University of Excellence*. Freie Universität Berlin was able to maintain its excellence status in 2012, one among only a few other select universities to do so. The second phase of this program focuses on the expansion of international and regional networks and the advancement of junior researchers supported by the *Career Path Model*.

To meet these goals, Freie Universität Berlin is setting up several **Dahlem International Network Professorships** (DINP). Please find below **calls of application** for the professorship positions at different departments.

Institute for Latin American Studies (LAI) and the Department of History and Cultural Studies (Friedrich Meinecke Institute) at Freie Universität invite applications in Latin American History since 1800 with a focus on Global History and/or the History of Migration (salary grade W 2; 5 years).

The successful applicant is expected to participate in the International Research Training Group *Between Spaces*, in the focus area *Center for Area Studies (Network for Area Histories)* and in upcoming interdisciplinary research initiatives. She or he will also be willing to participate in Freie Universität Berlin's continued efforts to internationalize its activities.

Applications quoting the reference code **W2-Gesch.Lateinam**. should include a CV, copies of all certificates of

academic qualification, a list of publications, evidence of teaching competence (such as courses previously taught) as well as of involvement in ongoing and future research endeavors, joint research projects and externally funded projects. If applicable, applications should also include information on industrial co-operations, inventions/patents and spin-offs.

Application should be addressed to:
 Freie Universität Berlin
 Fachbereich Geschichts- und Kulturwissenschaften
 Dekanat
 z. Hd. Frau Emmrich-Willingham
 Koserstraße 20
 14195 Berlin

Application guidelines and general information on the appointment procedure as well as requirements for junior professorships at Freie Universität Berlin can be found at: [read more>>](#)

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<http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/>
www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/cas
<http://www.lai.fu-berlin.de/en/index.html>
<http://www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/en/index.html>

Department of History and Cultural Studies Seminar of Arabic and Semitic Studies at Freie Universität Berlin invites applications in Arabic Philology focusing on early modern textual practices (salary grade W 1)

The successful candidate is expected to direct a junior research group on the theme of early modern Arabic philology (esp. from the perspective of a global history of knowledge and the encounter with European scholarship). The candidate will contribute courses to the BA and MA in Arabic Studies (*Arabistik*), covering the early modern period in Arabic and in translation, and collaborate with the faculty in *Arabistik* in developing and supporting the curriculum. The successful candidate is expected to contribute to the *Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School for Literary Studies* and develop international research projects with partners in the Arab world, as well as engage with non-university partner institutions in Berlin, especially with the *Max Planck Institute for the History of Science* and the *Forum Transregionale Studien*.

Applications quoting the reference code **W1 Arabistik** should include a CV, copies of all certificates of academic qualification, a list of publications, evidence of teaching competence (such as courses previously taught) as well as of involvement in ongoing and future research endeavors, joint research projects and externally funded projects.

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Department of Biology, Chemistry, and Pharmacy, Institute of Biology at Freie Universität Berlin invites applications for a Professorship in Epigenetics of Plants (salary grade W 2; 5 years)

The successful candidate will have experience in teaching biology, especially in the field of epigenetics of plants and epigenetic adaptations of plants caused by changing environmental conditions and stress. She/He will participate in existing and upcoming research associations of the department, especially in the Collaborative Research Center 973 *Priming and Memory of Organismic Responses to Stress* and the Berlin-Brandenburg Institute of Advanced Biodiversity Research (BBIB).

Applications quoting the reference code **2014/1/W2 a. Z. Epigenetik** 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. If applicable, applications should also include information on industrial co-operations, inventions/patents and spin-offs.

Application should be addressed to:

Freie Universität Berlin
 Fachbereich Biologie, Chemie, Pharmazie
 Dekanat
 Takustraße 3
 14195 Berlin

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<http://www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/en/biologie/index.html>
<http://www.sfb973.de/>

Department of History and Cultural Studies East Asian Studies and Middle Eastern Studies – Institute of Chinese Studies at Freie Universität Berlin invite applications for a Professorship in Pre-modern Chinese History and Culture (salary grade W 2; 5 years)

The appointee will have a specialization in teaching and research in the field of the pre-modern Chinese history (Song to Qing Dynasties) with a focus on the history of ideas or cultural history. International teaching experience and excellent research results are required as well as experience with acquiring funding for, and carrying out externally funded research.

Applications quoting the reference code **W2Vormod.China** should include a CV, copies of all certificates of academic qualification, a list of publications, evidence of teaching competence (such as courses previously taught) as well as of involvement in ongoing and future research endeavors, joint research projects and externally funded projects. If applicable, applications should also include information on industrial co-operations, inventions/patents and spin-offs.

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Department of Political and Social Sciences, Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science Freie Universität Berlin, invites applications for a Junior Professorship in Political Science and International Relations (salary grade W 1)

The successful candidate will have an excellent PhD in Political Science and International Relations and the capacity to engage in transdisciplinary research. She or he will have knowledge of quantitative and qualitative methods of the Social Sciences and have experience in research on international organizations.

The appointee will manage a Junior Research Group on the topic *Political and Discursive Actorhood of International Organizations*.

Applications quoting the reference code **IO Actorhood** should include a CV, copies of all certificates of academic qualification, a list of publications, evidence of teaching experience (such as courses previously taught) as well as of involvement in ongoing and future research endeavors, joint research projects and externally funded projects.

Furthermore, applicants are required to submit a research outline on the topic of the upcoming Junior Research Group.

Application should be addressed to:
Freie Universität Berlin
Fachbereich Politik- und Sozialwissenschaften
Dekanat
z. Hd. Frau Mrozek
Ihnestraße 21
14195 Berlin, Germany

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<http://www.polsoz.fu-berlin.de/en/polwiss/index.html>
<http://www.wzb.eu/en>

Department of Political and Social Sciences, Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science Freie Universität Berlin invites applications for a Junior Professorship in Empirical Conflict Research focusing on sub-Saharan Africa (Salary grade W 1)

The successful candidate will have experience in university teaching and research (preferably internationally). Areas of research expertise should include, but are not limited to empirical environmental conflict research, comparative analysis of dynamics of violence and the causes of war, political science research on Africa (experience in field research).

The appointee will manage a Junior Research Group on the topic *Global Change – local conflicts in sub-Saharan Africa*. She or he will teach Political Science in the bachelor's and master's degree programs and work with colleagues on interdisciplinary research projects of Freie Universität Berlin.

Applications quoting the reference code **DINJRG W1 Konfliktforschung** should include a CV, copies of all certificates of academic qualification, a list of publications, evidence of teaching competence (such as courses previously taught) as well as of involvement in ongoing and future research endeavors, joint research projects and externally funded projects.

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Freie Universität Berlin, its Center for Area Studies, with the Department of Political and Social Sciences and the Department of History and Cultural Studies, invites applications for a Professorship in Governance of Global Inequalities (salary grade W 2; 5 years)

The appointee will have a PhD in the field of social sciences (preferably in social and cultural anthropology, but also political science or sociology) or in the field of area studies with a proven focus on social sciences. She or he will have excellent knowledge of qualitative research methods, especially ethnographic methods. The successful candidate will have substantial experience in field research focusing on trans regional aspects.

The appointee is expected to participate in the development of a research area in the field of *Governance of Global Inequalities* at the Center for Area Studies.

Applications quoting the reference code **W2-Gov.Glob.Inequ.** should include a CV, copies of all certificates of

academic qualification, a list of publications, evidence of teaching competence (such as courses previously taught) as well as of involvement in ongoing and future research endeavors, joint research projects and externally funded projects. If applicable, applications should also include information on industrial co-operations, inventions/patents and spin-offs.

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Applications including a private postal and/or e-mail address must be received not later than May 12, 2014

20 Incoming Postdoc Fellowships at Freie Universität Berlin: Call for Applications for 2015

The "Postdoc International" POINT research fellowship program – co-financed by the German Excellence Initiative and the Marie Curie Program of the European Commission – provides funding for outstanding postdoctoral researchers from all disciplines to conduct their own research project at Freie Universität Berlin.

The POINT program was designed by Dahlem Research School at Freie Universität Berlin to promote the further academic career development through research funding, a tailored qualification program and the opportunity to develop teaching and leadership skills. It also provides essential professional guidance on preparing grant proposals to support POINT fellows in obtaining funding for follow-up research projects at Freie Universität Berlin.

Dahlem Research School offers: 20 Postdoc Fellowships

Eligibility

Starting in January 2015, each research fellowship will be awarded for 18 months. The call is open to experienced researchers of all disciplines and all nationalities who:

- hold a doctoral degree (the dissertation must be submitted)
- completed their doctoral degree no longer than 6 years before the deadline
- have not resided in Germany for longer than 12 months during the last 36 months

Applicants have to submit a project plan based around the research fields/ key topics of the participating Excellence Projects or Focus Areas.

Deadline for applications: 4 July 2014, 12:00 noon (Berlin local time)

Funding

- 18 months, starting January 2015
- Employment contract at level TV-L FU E13 (of approx. 26.600 to 34.200 Euro net salary p.a.)
- Social security and health insurance included
- A research allowance for the duration of the project of 10.800 Euro for non lab-based/ 16.200 Euro for field trip-based/ 21.600 Euro for lab-based projects
- A monthly mobility allowance of 200 Euro and a one-time travel allowance

Please find below the list of Participating Excellence Projects and Focus Areas:

Humanities and Social Sciences

Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies (BGSMS)

Research fields: Muslim societies in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia, as well as Muslim communities in Europe

and North America.

For further details regarding the BGSMCS please contact managing.director@bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de or visit <http://www.bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de/en/index.html>

Center for Area Studies (CAS)

The Center for Area Studies (CAS) represents a unique feature of Freie Universität Berlin in that it concentrates regional expertise across the humanities and social sciences for North America, Latin America, Eastern Europe, East Asia, and the Near East.

For further details regarding the Center for Area Studies please contact Gregor Walter-Drop at geschaeftsstelle@cas.fu-berlin.de or visit <http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/cas/index.html>

Dahlem Humanities Center (DHC)

The Dahlem Humanities Center (DHC) creates an overarching interdisciplinary research framework to study the outward manifestations, principles, and functions of cultural dynamics.

For further details regarding the Dahlem Humanities Center please contact Katja Heinrich at k.heinrich@fu-berlin.de or visit <http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/dhc/index.html>

Graduate School of East Asian Studies (GEAS)

Research fields: The interdisciplinary analysis of institutions in East Asia from a social science perspective and historical grounding; Trans-regional phenomena, interregional comparisons, or regional case studies in China, Japan and Korea.

For further details regarding the GEAS please contact Katrin Gengenbach at coordinator@geas.fu-berlin.de or visit <http://www.geas.fu-berlin.de/>.

Topoi - The Formation and Transformation of Space and Knowledge in Ancient Civilizations

Topoi examines the interdependence of space and knowledge in civilizations of the Ancient Near East, the Mediterranean, and Black Sea region and parts of the Eurasian steppe from the 6th millennium BC to around AD 500.

Key topics: Innovations in antiquity; Mapping in physical or mental diagrams, maps, and pictures; Ancient economy; Water management in antiquity; collective identities; and the transformation of antique phenomena.

For further questions regarding Topoi please contact Hauke Ziemssen, hauke.ziemssen@fu-berlin.de or visit <http://www.topoi.org/>

Natural and Life Sciences

Berlin Mathematical School (BMS)

Research fields: Differential and Discrete Geometry, Algebraic and Arithmetic Geometry, Algebraic Topology, Discrete Mathematics, Visualization, Numerical Mathematics, Scientific Computing, Geometric Analysis, Differential Equations.

For further details regarding the BMS please contact Bettina Felsner, Bettina.Felsner@fu-berlin.de or visit <http://www.math-berlin.de/>.

The Dahlem Centre for Plant Sciences (DCPS)

DCPS aims for a comprehensive understanding of diverse aspects of plant life by integrating disciplines such as genetics, molecular biology, biochemistry, ecology, plant geography, and history of botany.

Key topics: Plant mobile genetic elements: activities, functions, genome evolution; effect of plant diversity loss on above- and below-ground functions and stability of ecosystems; Rhizosphere interactions and their impacts on ecosystem functions; investigation of interaction between saponins and ribosomal inactivating proteins.

For further details regarding the Dahlem Centre for Plant Sciences please contact Diana Mutz at mailto:diana.mutz@fu-berlin.de or visit <http://www.dcps.fu-berlin.de/>.

Disease in Human Aging (DynAge)

The Focus Area DynAge investigates dynamics at the level of molecules, individuals and society.

Key topic: Disease in Human Aging: Tumors, Cardiovascular Disease, Musculoskeletal Diseases, and Cognitive Disorders/ Depression.

For further details regarding the Focus Area Disease in Human Aging please contact Linda Parschau at linda.parschau@fu-berlin.de or visit www.fu-berlin.de/dynage

NanoScale

NanoScale focuses on advanced interdisciplinary research on materials properties of nanoscale systems.

Key topic 1: Supramolecular Interactions

Key topic 2: Nanoscale Systems

For further details regarding NanoScale please contact Achim Wiedekind at achim.wiedekind@fu-berlin.de or visit <http://www.nanoscale.fu-berlin.de/>

NeuroCure

Research fields: Synaptic basis of cognitive aging; Neurogenetic/neurophysiology/behavior interactions relevant for auditory-guided vocal communication learning; The cellular and molecular basis of auditory system function and development.

For further questions regarding NeuroCure please contact Marian Brackmann at marian.brackmann@charite.de or visit <http://www.neurocure.de/>.

Application for Postdoc fellowships:

To apply, candidates need to register with the DRS online application platform on the DRS website. Once registered, they should fill out the online application form and upload all required documents. Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

For further application details please visit the DRS website at:

www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/promovieren/drs/drs_fellowships/incoming_fellowships_call2014

Contacts

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