

The University of Vienna (20 faculties and centres, 184 fields of study, approx. 10.400 members of staff, about 90.000 students) seeks to fill the position **from 01.09.2023 of a**

## **University Assistant (post doc)**

### **at the Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies**

**Reference number: 14156**

The Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies ranks among the largest university centres for the philological-cultural study of South Asia and Tibet in the German-speaking world and is the home of several third-party funded research projects. Through cooperation with numerous academic institutions worldwide the Department is very well connected with the international scholarly community.

Duration of employment: 6 year/s

Extent of Employment: 40 hours/week

Job grading in accordance with collective bargaining agreement: §48 VwGr. B1 lit. b (postdoc) with relevant work experience determining the assignment to a particular salary grade.

#### **Job Description:**

The tasks of the successful applicant will include the support of the professorship in the field of Tibetology in teaching and research, student mentoring, participation in the administration of the institute as well as independent research and independent teaching as defined by the collective agreement. The development or expansion of an independent research profile within Tibetology and Buddhist Studies and further post-doctoral academic qualification, for example in the form of preparing or completing a habilitation thesis, are particularly desirable. International scholarly publishing and lecturing activity is expected.

#### **Profile:**

Applicants should have a PhD in Tibetan Studies, Buddhist Studies, or a related discipline; their research should focus on the cultural or intellectual histories of Tibetan Buddhism including its late Indian antecedents with publications in subject-relevant venues. Very good knowledge of Tibetan to understand texts is a requirement; knowledge of Sanskrit is desired. When using sources in the original language, a thorough philological-historical approach along with an understanding of the doctrinal contexts is advantageous. Knowledge and experience in teaching, research, and administration is desirable. Ability to work in a team and organisational skills, didactic qualifications, and subject-specific IT skills as well as very good knowledge of English and good knowledge of German (in the case of applicants who do not have German as their first language) are required.

Applicants should be able to offer their own courses within the BA curriculum "Languages and Cultures of South Asia and Tibet" and the MA curriculum "Tibetology and Buddhist Studies" in the areas of language, literature, and religion of the Tibetan cultural sphere, and to supervise students. In addition, commitment to and, if possible, experience in various

science-to-public activities is required. Furthermore, the willingness to collaborate in ongoing research projects and to participate in the institute's administration of research and teaching is expected; in particular participation in the interdisciplinary cooperation with the cognitive sciences in the field of contemplative studies.

**Your application should include the following documents:**

letter of motivation; academic curriculum vitae with lists of publications, lectures, and courses taught; description of the research interests and further research plans, including the planned habilitation or comparable project; contact details of two referees.

Research fields:

Main research field	Special research fields	Importance
Linguistics and Literature	Tibetan studies	MUST

Applications including a letter of motivation (German or English) should be submitted via the Job Center to the University of Vienna (<http://jobcenter.univie.ac.at>) no later than 28.05.2023, mentioning reference number 14156.

For further information please contact Lewandowska, Ewa +43-1-4277-43551.

The University pursues a non-discriminatory employment policy and values equal opportunities, as well as diversity (<http://diversity.univie.ac.at/>). The University lays special emphasis on increasing the number of women in senior and in academic positions. Given equal qualifications, preference will be given to female applicants.

Human Resources and Gender Equality of the University of Vienna

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