

The Institute for Medieval Research ([IMAFO](#)) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences ([OeAW](#)), Austria's leading non-university research and science institution, is seeking to fill a

## POSTDOC POSITION (F/M/X)

(full-time, 40 hours per week)

We are looking for a postdoctoral researcher to strengthen our team at the newly established Cluster of Excellence [EurAsian Transformations](#). The COE involves more than 30 researchers from four academic institutions (Austrian Academy of Sciences, University of Vienna, Central European University, University of Innsbruck). We explore major contemporary issues and current research - diversity, mobility, identity - using original sources in dozens of languages, and analyse cultural and religious, economic and political connections comparatively. We strive for a fruitful interdisciplinary dialogue and seek cooperation with the regions involved in order to create new academic infrastructures in Austria and internationally and to promote plurilateral research perspectives. EurAsia explores the transformation processes of Eurasia - understood as the entire landmass of both continents, Europe and Asia - from antiquity to the present.

We expect a research focus on **Identity and Diversity in the European Middle Ages in Eurasian Perspective**. This includes the construction of ethnic, territorial, political and/or religious identities, perceptions and discourses of diversity, exclusion and inclusion of difference. Research should be based on medieval European sources and connected to comparative approaches in the Cluster 'EurAsian Transformations'.

### Your tasks:

- Active participation in Node 3 of the Cluster of Excellence on 'Identity and Religion' and in the Transversal Working Group 'Diversity, Identification and Distinction'
- Own research on identity and diversity in late antique/medieval Europe, their perceptions and their impact
- Collaboration with other members and groups of the Cluster of Excellence in the development of comparative perspectives
- International presentations and publications of project results
- Commitment to the goals of the Cluster and to the integration of its members as well as participation in training and transfer/outreach activities.
- Active participation in the scientific and organizational activities of the Institute for Medieval Studies

### Your profile:

- Completed university studies (doctorate) in the field of Medieval Studies
- Experience in working with Latin sources
- Excellent knowledge of English
- Familiarity with approaches of identity research and global history

### We also expect:

- Language skills in German and other relevant modern and source languages
- Postdoctoral practice within the field of research
- Experience in large-scale historical projects/interdisciplinary cooperation is desirable
- Field-relevant IT skills
- International experience
- Willingness to engage in interdisciplinary exchange and research work in teams
- Flexibility, strong communication skills, creativity, ability to work in a team

The position is awarded for an initial period of 24 months, with the possibility of an extension until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2028. The annual gross salary is currently calculated at € 66.501,40. The starting date is flexible, but must be after November 01<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Additional funding for conference and research travel as well as for the organization of academic events is available.

The application should include the following documents: 1) letter of motivation; 2) academic curriculum vitae; 3) description of research interests and plans (2 pages); 4) contact details of two referees; (5) degree certificates. It should be sent in a single pdf, subject line: Application COE PostDoc IMAFO/HI, **by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024** to Marianne Pollheimer [marianne.pollheimer@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:marianne.pollheimer@oeaw.ac.at). The position may remain open until a suitable candidate is found. Any queries may be directed to Prof. Dr. Walter Pohl [walter.pohl@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:walter.pohl@oeaw.ac.at).

*The Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW) pursues a non-discriminatory employment policy and values equal opportunities, as well as diversity. Individuals from underrepresented groups are particularly encouraged to apply.*