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The Institute for Medieval Research ([IMAFO](#)), Division of Byzantine Research, of the Austrian Academy of Sciences ([OeAW](#)), Austria's leading non-university research institution, is offering a

## POSTDOC POSITION (F/M/X)

(full-time, 40h per week)

starting from **November 01<sup>st</sup>, 2024** until **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 (9 months)**.

Within the framework of the ERC Starting Grant project **RevIdEM "Reviving the Ascetic Ideal in the Eastern Mediterranean. Entangled Memories of Early Egyptian Monasticism in Medieval Syriac, Arabic, and Armenian Christianity (969-1375 CE)"**, funded by the European Research Council (ERC, Grant Nr. 101078631) and led by Dr. Adrian C. Pirtea (PI), the position of a researcher (PostDoc) for studying the Syriac, Coptic and Armenian reception of the *Apophthegmata Patrum* and related literature is advertised.

### Your tasks:

- To work on two peer-reviewed research articles on the interactions between Armenian, Syriac and Coptic versions of Desert Fathers literature in the medieval period
- To contribute to a TEI/XML database of Armenian, Syriac, and Arabic manuscripts, which will be developed in the framework of the project
- To actively participate in RevIdEM's research activities: conferences, workshops, research communication, manuscript research trips
- Collaboration and exchange with other colleagues in the Department of Byzantine Research and the Institute for Medieval Research.

### Your profile:

- A PhD in Eastern Christian Studies, Armenian Studies or a closely related field
- Previous postdoctoral experience (research projects, fellowships)
- Relevant publication record, especially with regard to the reception of Desert Fathers literature
- Excellent knowledge of at least two of the following languages: Classical Armenian, Syriac, Coptic
- Good working knowledge of other ancient and medieval source languages (Greek, Latin, Arabic, etc.)
- Significant experience in working with manuscripts
- Basic knowledge of TEI/XML for manuscript descriptions or willingness to acquire such skills;
- Capable of working in a team.

### Our offer:

- Collaboration with a new and dynamic ERC Starting Grant research team
- An optimal working environment in one of the world's leading institutions for Byzantine research
- Excellent research infrastructure, especially with regard to library and access to databases
- Opportunity to develop one's own research profile

We offer a monthly gross salary to € 4.750,10, according to the collective agreement of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

Send substantial written applications (letter of motivation, curriculum vitae in table format, diplomas) electronically to [Ekaterini.Mitsiou@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:Ekaterini.Mitsiou@oeaw.ac.at) and [adrian.pirtea@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:adrian.pirtea@oeaw.ac.at) by **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. We look forward to receiving your applications!

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