

Wissenschaftliche/r Mitarbeiter /in am Institut für Sinologie der Universität Freiburg

Teilzeitstelle (50%), Eintrittstermin: 01.11.2015. Die Stelle ist zunächst befristet auf ein Jahr, es besteht eine Verlängerungsmöglichkeit um zwei Jahre. Die Vergütung erfolgt nach TV-L E 13.

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Aufgabengebiet:

Im Projekt **Lektüre, Text und Autorschaft in der Kulturrevolution: Lesewelten in den langen 1970er Jahren in der Volksrepublik China** ist eine wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterstelle zu besetzen. Im vorgesehenen Teilprojekt sollen die Lesegewohnheiten während der chinesischen Kulturrevolution untersucht werden. Dabei soll ein besonderer Fokus auf deren Bedeutung sowohl für Individuen als auch für die Transformationsprozesse der 1970er Jahre in China liegen. Neben der Erarbeitung einer Einzelstudie wird die Mitwirkung bei Projektaktivitäten (Organisation eines Workshops, Tagungsteilnahmen etc.) erwartet.

(Eine ausführliche Projektbeschreibung finden Sie unten in der englischen Version.)

Ihr Profil:

- Sehr gut abgeschlossenes MA Studium der Chinawissenschaften, alternativ der Sozial- oder Kulturwissenschaften mit nachweislich sehr guten Chinesisch-Kenntnissen
- Gute bis sehr gute Englischkenntnisse
- Befähigung zum eigenständigen wissenschaftlichen Arbeiten
- Interesse an Forschungsaufenthalten in der VR China

Bewerbungsunterlagen:

- Motivationsschreiben
- Lebenslauf
- Zeugnisse (bei noch ausstehendem MA Abschluss bitte aktuelles Transcript of Records)
- 1-2 wissenschaftliche Texte (z.B. Aufsatz oder Abschlussarbeit) in deutscher oder englischer Sprache

Anfragen sowie Ihre Bewerbungsunterlagen senden Sie bitte bis zum 1.9.2015 an Jun.-Prof. Dr. Lena Henningsen: Lena.Henningsen@sinologie.uni-freiburg.de. Bitte senden Sie alle Unterlagen zusammengefasst in einem pdf-Dokument (mit Ausnahme der Texte).

Schwerbehinderte werden bei gleicher Eignung bevorzugt eingestellt. Die Universität Freiburg strebt eine Erhöhung des Frauenanteils an und fordert ausdrücklich entsprechend qualifizierte Frauen zur Bewerbung auf.

PhD position (f/m 50%, TV-L E 13) on Reading Cultures during the Cultural Revolution

Institute of Chinese Studies, Freiburg University

Within the project '**Worlds of Reading in China's long 1970s: Reading and Writing during the Cultural Revolution**' we are looking for a PhD candidate to conduct research on the impact of reading and writing.

Project description

"Worlds of Reading in China's long 1970s: Reading and Writing during the Cultural Revolution" analyzes intellectual processes and practices during China's long 1970s. It analyses popular fictional and non-fictional texts between late 1968 and the early 1980s. Some of these texts were published as part of the official publication system, whereas others circulated unofficially or even illegally. The project focuses on both the texts and the practices of their production, circulation and consumption as well as on their respective impact on contemporary readers and on later intellectual and literary developments. The texts – especially those that circulated illegally among the sent-down youth (such as hand copied manuscripts, 文革手抄本, or as copies meant for internal circulation) – are understood and analyzed both as intellectual and material resource. This project pursues four aims. First, it aims at understanding concrete practices of reading and their meaning(s). Second, it examines in how far these practices as well as the respective texts continue earlier practices and texts and anticipate later ones. Third, it analyses in how far fictional and non-fictional texts allowed for new intellectual, social and personal developments that are commonly associated with the reform period that officially started after the Cultural Revolution. Fourth, this project is situated within the larger discussion about China's long 1970s. After all, a closer scrutiny of the intellectual debates and the contents of influential texts will reveal that breaks and ruptures in the transition from revolution to reform are in fact less apparent than they appear to be on first glance.

Candidates are expected to have:

- A MA degree in Chinese Studies, or the Humanities or Social Sciences with excellent results;
- A good command of English and Chinese;
- Outstanding research qualities manifest in a high-quality MA thesis or equivalent;
- Ability and willingness to carry out empirical research and spend extended periods abroad;

Terms of employment

A successful applicant will be appointed as PhD student for a period of one year with an extension of two years after positive evaluation of research progress, capabilities and compatibility. Payment is made according to German academic salary scale TV-L E 13 (50%) regulations. Research expenses for fieldwork and workshops will be covered by the project. We expect the successful candidate to complete his / her own research while also participating in the project's common activities (organization of a workshop, participation in conferences etc.).

Applications should include:

- A motivation letter;
- Curriculum vitae;
- Degree transcript(s) obtained (or to be awarded this year), in the form of a transcript/grade-sheet;
- One or two academic writing samples (MA thesis or academic paper) in English or German;

Questions on the project can be addressed to Jun.-Prof. Dr. Lena Henningsen (Lena.Henningsen@sinologie.uni-freiburg.de). Applications should be submitted as pdf (preferably all documents except the writing sample(s) in one single file) to Lena Henningsen by Sept. 1, 2015. Please note that Freiburg University is an equal opportunity employer and places particular emphasis on recruiting female scholars. Disabled applicants with equivalent qualifications will be given preference.