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The Center for Advanced Study "RomanIslam - Center for Comparative Empire and Transcultural Studies" funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), invites applications for

## RESEARCH ASSOCIATES (2 POSTDOC, 2 PHD POSITIONS) for the project

### “ROMANIZATION AND ISLAMICATION IN LATE ANTIQUITY - TRANSCULTURAL PROCESSES ON THE IBERIAN PENINSULA AND IN NORTH AFRICA”

- SALARY LEVEL 13 TV-L -

The position in accordance with Section 28 subsection 3 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG) commences on **April 1st, 2020**.

This is a fixed-term contract in accordance with Section 2 of the academic fixed-term labor contract act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG). The term is fixed until March 31, 2024. The position calls for Postdocs positions 100%/ PhD positions 65% of standard work hours per week.

**Responsibilities:** Duties include academic services in the project named above. Research associates may also pursue independent research and further academic qualifications.

**Specific Duties:** RomanIslam, the Center for Advanced Study, convenes the disciplines of comparative empire and transcultural studies. Our approach aims to compare transcultural assimilation processes in the historical region of the western Mediterranean with focus on the Iberian Peninsula and North Africa during the first millennium CE, or the so-called „Long Late Antiquity“, including the Early Islamic Period. The economically significant Iberian Peninsula and the Maghreb were peripheral regions, both in the pagan, later Christianized Roman, and in the Islamic Empire. The successful applicant will conduct research in the frame of the project “Romanization and Islamication in Late Antiquity” concentrating on one or both regions under study. A successful submission of a second book or habilitation/ PhD-thesis is expected in the field of administrative divisions, political structures, imperial religions versus local beliefs, economy, the transformation of cities, or agricultural landscapes, etc. The applicant will work within an interdisciplinary team, using the similar methodological approaches. The position requires an active participation in the activities of the RomanIslam Center of Comparative Empire and Transcultural Studies, i.e. in research colloquia, lecture series and workshops, as well as active engagement in the center's research activities.

**Requirements:** Please take a look at the individual job advertisement, please also notice slight differences in the description of the specific duties for **Ancient History** (Prof. Sabine Panzram) and **Islamic Studies** (Prof. Stefan Heidemann)!

Islamic Studies:

<https://www.uni-hamburg.de/uhh/stellenangebote/wissenschaftliches-personal/fakultaet-geisteswissenschaften/15-01-20-654-en.pdf>

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Ancient History:

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Qualified disabled candidates or applicants with equivalent status receive preference in the application process.

For further information, please contact **Prof. Sabine Panzram (Ancient History)**, [sabine.panzram@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:sabine.panzram@uni-hamburg.de) or **Prof. Stefan Heidemann (Islamic Studies)**, [stefan.heidemann@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:stefan.heidemann@uni-hamburg.de) or consult our website at <https://www.romanislam.uni-hamburg.de> (in preparation!) <https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/newsroom/presse/2019/pm71.html>

Applications should include a cover letter, a tabular curriculum vitae, and copies of degree certificate(s). Please send applications by **January 15, 2020** to: [katharina.mewes@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:katharina.mewes@uni-hamburg.de), please add the names of two referees.

Please do not submit original documents as we are not able to return them. Any documents submitted will be destroyed after the application process has concluded.