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## **ZMO (Zentrum Moderner Orient) & BGS MCS (Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures & Societies) Joint call for applications for Visiting Research Fellowships 2012**

ZMO and BGS MCS are inviting applications as Visiting Research Fellows for the calendar year of 2012. We are interested in attracting outstanding researchers who are engaged in research projects that are relevant to the respective research profiles at ZMO ([www.zmo.de](http://www.zmo.de)) and BGS MCS ([www.bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de](http://www.bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de)).

ZMO is an interdisciplinary research institute with an international community of researchers pursuing research with regional and trans-regional focus on societies in Africa, the Middle East, and South and Central Asia and their interrelations (as well as their relations to Europe). The current main research programme, "Muslim worlds: world of Islam? Conceptions, practices and crises of the global" (funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research), is concerned with social and historical dimensions of the Muslim world. We will, however, also consider excellent applications with a different focus.

The Berlin Graduate School of Muslim Cultures and Societies (BGS MCS) is an interdisciplinary Graduate School based at Freie Universität Berlin, and coordinated between Freie Universität, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, and ZMO. It is funded as part of the Excellence Initiative by the German federal government. The Graduate School has an international body of students and draws from a range of experienced researchers based in various institutions in Berlin who act as Principle Investigators and supervisors.

The call is open for senior researchers and recent postdocs as well as finishing PhD students in the humanities and social sciences. They are invited to apply for a monthly stipend (about 1500 EUR for PhD students, and 2500 EUR for all researchers on a postdoctoral level) and a period of stay that should last from 6 weeks to 3 months.

ZMO seeks to select about 8 postdoctoral and 4 doctoral fellows; BGS MCS is looking for 2-4 postdoctoral and doctoral fellows. Slots are available throughout the year, and as we will allocate fellowships throughout all the months of the year, we ask applicants to indicate their preferred months of stay as well as their potential flexibility. We particularly encourage applications by candidates from Africa, Asia and the Middle East. For successful applicants from these regions, financial support for travel is available.

The applications will be reviewed by a selection committee. The decisions are expected within a period of about 6 weeks after the deadline for submission of applications.

Applications can be emailed or posted, and should include:

- CV, including complete list of publications
- Project description of research project to be worked upon during visit (max. 3 pages)
- A brief cover letter
- For PhD students: two letters of reference

Deadline: 15 September 2011

For any further information, please consult our websites,  
or contact us directly at [zmo@rz.hu-berlin.de](mailto:zmo@rz.hu-berlin.de) or [office@bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de](mailto:office@bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de);  
please email the finalized applications to us at [zmo@rz.hu-berlin.de](mailto:zmo@rz.hu-berlin.de),  
as the selection process will be coordinated from here.

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