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## One postdoctoral research position and two doctoral positions open from 1 February 2018 for 36 months

Conditional upon approval by the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) in Berlin, Germany, announces the opening of one research position for a postdoc / experienced researcher (TVÖD Bund West, E13 100%), and two positions for doctoral candidates (TVÖD Bund West, E13 65%) in a project on

*Normality and Crisis:*

*Memories of Everyday Life in Syria as a Chance for a New Start in Germany*

Researchers will work with Syrian refugees, who have come to live in Germany since 2011, and investigate their experiences and memories of Syria until 2011. The project combines two components. The first is to research and document experiences and memories of statehood and conviviality in Syria, pre-2011. The second component involves communicating these experiences to German NGOs and state institutions working with refugees.

While the postdoctoral project will investigate experiences of / with statehood in Syria before 2011, the two doctoral projects will be devoted to experiences with conviviality in Syria before 2011, focusing on the regions of Homs and Aleppo, respectively.

**Candidates must hold a doctoral degree (or a master's degree in the case of the doctoral positions) in history, social anthropology, or related subjects.** They should be familiar with Syrian social, geographic and historic structures and be conversant (if not fluent) in Syrian Arabic; knowledge of Kurmancî is an additional asset, but not a precondition. Academic proficiency in English and/or German are required. We are looking for candidates who are familiar with qualitative research methods, especially methods of oral history research. Candidates should also be willing to communicate the project's findings to interested members of the public in Berlin and Brandenburg.

For further information on the project, contact Dr. Katharina Lange ([Katharina.lange@zmo.de](mailto:Katharina.lange@zmo.de)); for ZMO and its programme, see [www.zmo.de](http://www.zmo.de) or contact the institute's secretary, Dr. Silke Nagel: [zmo@zmo.de](mailto:zmo@zmo.de).

Applications including a CV, publication list, a writing sample (three to five pages) and a detailed letter (1-2 pages) explaining your motivation for applying should be sent via email by 10 January 2018 to Dr. Silke Nagel at [www.zmo.de](http://www.zmo.de). Please indicate your earliest availability for the post. Pending official approval, contracts would ideally begin on 1 February 2018 or soon after and run through 31 January 2021. Interviews will be held in the second week of January. Applications should not contain any original materials, as the documents will not be returned.