

## Position of a post-doctoral research fellow

The Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) invites applications for the position of a post-doctoral research fellow with a **3-year contract**, starting **1 April 2021**. The successful candidate will work in the research unit **Age & Generation**, which is part of ZMO's current main research program ***Thinking through Translocational Entanglements: Perspectives from Asia, Africa, and the Middle East***. We especially encourage scholars working on Iran and Southeast Asia to apply. The candidate must hold a PhD in history, anthropology, sociology, area studies, or cognate disciplines. Applications should preferably have a historical perspective.

The salary grade for the advertised position corresponds to the German scheme of employment in the public sector (TVöD E13, 100 %). Limited funds for research travel, conference participation and publications are available. The successful candidate will be required to be based in Berlin.

### Outline of the research unit

The research unit **Age & Generation** studies processes of reshaping inter-generational relations. Without ignoring the studies on youth, the focus of this research unit seeks to strengthen the ongoing research on middle aged and the elderly as well as the historical perspective on relations between the generations. The unit seeks to understand how state as well as civil society organizations influence contextual conceptions of age and generation and resulting practices. It studies how the reorganization of intergenerational relationships transforms socio-spatial practices triggered by rapid urbanization, infrastructure development and migration. *Age & Generation* researches perceptions, normative discourses and practices of 'correct' aging. Details of the research unit and ZMO's current program can be found here [https://www.zmo.de/fileadmin/Inhalte/Forschung/ResearchProgramme2020-24\\_01.pdf](https://www.zmo.de/fileadmin/Inhalte/Forschung/ResearchProgramme2020-24_01.pdf)

### Essentials

- Candidates are expected to develop and carry out their project within the framework of the research unit Age & Generation.
- Applicants are expected to show a familiarity with recent academic debates on intergenerational relations, age and generation.
- Candidates must be ready to work both independently and as part of a team within an international and highly competitive environment. Therefore, they are expected to complete and deliver work in a timely manner.

### Key responsibilities

- Conducting research on the proposed theme; contributing to the conceptual work of the unit
- Active participation in the bi-weekly meetings of the research unit, in organizing workshops, conferences, and other events of the unit and in conjunction with other ZMO research units;
- Active participation in outreach activities.

### **What we offer**

Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) is the only research institution in Germany that studies the Middle East, Africa, Eurasia, South and Southeast Asia in an interdisciplinary and historically comparative perspective. We offer a vibrant and interdisciplinary work environment in Berlin as well as a motivating and friendly working atmosphere. Our center provides opportunities to connect widely with other institutions and networks in Berlin and beyond.

### **Applications**

Please combine all your application materials into a **single PDF** which should be sent until **15 February 2021** to Katrin Bromber (katrin.bromber@zmo.de); Cc also to Rakiya ElMatine (rakiya.elmatine@zmo.de). Your application should contain

- Cover letter (not exceeding two pages);
- Outline of your proposed research (max. 3 pages), with an explicit reference to key themes of the research unit;
- Statement of purpose (max. one page) stating the ways in which your experience and knowledge (of sources, language skills and previous work) would make an important contribution to the development of the research unit;
- Work plan for 36 months;
- CV with a list of publications (also those under review);
- Copy of certificates (M.A. and PhD.);
- List of two referees (names, affiliations, email addresses, and telephone numbers).

### **Diversity**

ZMO is committed to maintaining diversity, inclusivity, and equal opportunity within its community and therefore encourages applications from members of all underrepresented groups.

### **Further information**

Relevant informal inquiries about the research unit and the advertised position can be made to Katrin Bromber (katrin.bromber@zmo.de).

### **Selection**

Candidates will be shortlisted for the interview based on the received applications. We expect interviews to take place **online** in **March 2021**. We keep the selected candidates informed and work out a mutually agreeable interview date. Chosen candidates should be well prepared to appear for the interview using digital/virtual medium.