

Open Position of a Student Assistant in the Research Unit “Contested Religion and Intellectual Culture” at the Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) in Berlin

The Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) is the only research institution in Germany that deals with the Middle East, Africa, Central Asia, South and Southeast Asia in an interdisciplinary and historically comparative perspective. Its research focuses on the interaction between pre-dominantly Muslim societies and their non-Muslim neighbors.

How does religiosity interrelate with morality and intellectual culture? The research unit Contested Religion takes this basic question that is at the heart of social life across the global south. Focusing on both contemporary and historical cases, the unit engages the ways in which religiosity is mobilized and invested in individual and collective life projects. How do both religiosity and knowledge inform and at the same time challenge political orders, eschatological aspirations, and moral norms? What forms, sites and agents of intellectual culture emerge within that context? Although engaging primarily Muslim contexts, the unit is particularly interested in the interactions between Muslim and their non-Muslim neighbors.

The student assistant position is to be filled by **May 1, 2023** and comprises a maximum of 40 hours per month.

Tasks:

- Organizational and content-related support of research projects
- Research in Berlin libraries
- technical editing of texts
- E-mail correspondence
- Material order and storage, copying work
- Support at workshops and events

Necessary qualifications:

- very good English and German language skills
- Master's or advanced bachelor's degree, preferably in anthropology, history, social sciences or a cognate discipline
- reliability and attention to detail

Advantage:

- Student status beyond the winter semester
- Knowledge in one or more of the languages: French, Hausa, Urdu, Arabic
- Friendliness, commitment, organizational skills and flexibility
- Knowledge in Video editing or production

Please send digital application documents as a pdf document (cover letter, curriculum vitae, work samples, if applicable) by 18 March 2023 at the latest to Hala.mardini@zmo.de.