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**Postdoctoral Researcher (TV-L 13 100%) 'Religion and Media in Contemporary Societies'**  
**Käte-Hamburger-Kolleg *Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe***  
**at the Center for Religious Studies (CERES), Ruhr-Universität Bochum**

**Starting day of employment: as soon as possible**

**contract limited until 31 July 2018**

The **Ruhr-Universität Bochum** is one of Germany's leading research universities. The university draws its strengths from both the diversity and the proximity of scientific and engineering disciplines on a single, coherent campus. This highly dynamic setting enables students and researchers to work across traditional boundaries of academic subjects and faculties. Host to about 42,000 students and 4,700 staff, the Ruhr-Universität is a vital institution in the Ruhr area, which has been selected as European Capital of Culture for the year 2010.

The **Käte Hamburger Kolleg *Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe*** at Ruhr-Universität Bochum is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (Germany). It is the core part of the greater research programme entitled 'Relational Religion: Complex Resonances in and beyond the Religious Field' conducted by the Center for Religious Studies (CERES) as Research Department. The Käte Hamburger Kolleg focuses on the dynamics of the formation and expansion of religions, the mutual permeation of religious traditions and their consolidation into the complex figurations called 'world religions.' Regionally, the research covers these phenomena in Europe and Asia. Further information on [www.ceres.rub.de/en](http://www.ceres.rub.de/en) and [www.khk.ceres.rub.de/en](http://www.khk.ceres.rub.de/en).

The **Käte-Hamburger Kolleg** invites applications for the position of a Postdoctoral Researcher to start as soon as possible. The salary will be in accordance with T-VL E 13 (100 %). Applicants are supposed to conduct research in the field of ***Religion and Media in Contemporary Societies*** and most hold a PhD from the humanities or social sciences, with the PhD-thesis focusing on issues relevant to religious studies. It is expected that applicants have considerable knowledge of current debates in the field of religion and media research, particularly with regards to contemporary media phenomena. Specific expertise as well as philological skills regarding a particular religious tradition would be an asset. Additionally, methodological skills (e.g. in qualitative research) as well as a broad knowledge of current debates within the sociology of religion are desirable. At the same time, applicants should be willing and able to connect research questions related to contemporary issues to historical questions and thereby informing and encouraging interdisciplinary research projects. Furthermore, it is expected the person holding the position will contribute to the work of CERES' research sections 'experience' and 'materiality'.

The postdoctoral position for Religion and Media at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg is planned to commence at the earliest date possible. Since this position is funded entirely by third-party funds, there are no teaching obligations. The applicant needs a profound knowledge of English (at least C1 CEFR). Knowledge of German is desirable. The employment is in accordance to the Public Sector Collective Agreement on Länder (TV-L). The wage classification will be carried out after presenting the personal requirements as pay grade TV-L E 13. The Ruhr-Universität Bochum is an equal opportunities employer.

If interested, please submit your application via e-mail (one single pdf-file) with quoting headword 'KHK Postdoc Media' to [tim.karis@rub.de](mailto:tim.karis@rub.de). Applications will include a covering letter explaining their interest in this position, a detailed C.V., a list of publications, copies of relevant certificates, a short research proposal with research interests (3 pages maximum). The **deadline for application is 13 November, 2015**. Travel expenses for job interviews cannot be redeemed.