

The Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB) 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 Center for Religious Studies (CERES) at Ruhr-Universität Bochum invites applications for the position of a

**Professor for Western Asian History of Religion (salary in accordance with W2).**

to start at the beginning of the summer term 2016, i.e. 1 April 2016.

The successful candidate is expected to represent the pathway of the **material history of religions in Western Asia** with a special focus on Zoroastrianism and Islam in both teaching and research. This implies that the candidate has a designated **research interest in religious encounters – especially between Zoroastrianism and Islam/Christianity** – with special consideration for ancient traditions. The required philological knowledge for this focus is a precondition of employment. The willingness for, or the ability to implement and refine, methods of text interpretation and text analysis, as for example from the area of **digital humanities** are of advantage.

The successful candidate will be expected to represent his or her field of expertise and to contribute to the **Käte Hamburger Kolleg Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe**, as well as to the overarching CERES-research programme on **Relational Religion**. The position includes mandatory teaching (9 SWS) as part of the degree programmes for undergraduate and graduate students.

Positive evaluation as a junior professor or equivalent academic achievement (e.g. habilitation) and evidence of special aptitude are just as much required as the willingness to participate in the self-governing bodies of the RUB and to generally get involved in university processes according to RUB's mission statement. Further requirements are

- high performance in and commitment to **teaching**
- readiness to participate in interdisciplinary academic work
- willingness and ability to attract external funding

The Ruhr-Universität Bochum is an equal opportunities employer.

The application, including a letter of interest, a CV, a list of publications, certificates as well as a listing of externally raised funding, should be sent as **single pdf-file by email** to Dr. Tim Karis: [tim.karis@rub.de](mailto:tim.karis@rub.de), Centrum für Religionswissenschaftliche Studien, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Universitätsstraße 90a, D-44789 Bochum, by **23 October 2015**. For more information visit [www.khk.ceres.rub.de/en/](http://www.khk.ceres.rub.de/en/) and [www.ceres.rub.de/en/](http://www.ceres.rub.de/en/).

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