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## **2 Postdoctoral Researchers (m/f/d)**

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The Department of History at the Faculty of History, Art and Area Studies seeks to fill the above position, subject to the availability of funds under ERC project TRANSOPERA-101018743 "Imperial Politics of Opera in Habsburg Europe, 1815–1914", from 1 December 2021.

The two postdoctoral positions form part of an ERC Advanced Investigator Grant led by Professor Axel Körner, investigating imperial politics of opera in Habsburg Europe, with a special focus on transnational exchanges between the territories and populations of the Habsburg monarchy, as well as the role of Austria's multinational concept of state. The project seeks to challenge traditional narratives that have tended to highlight the role of opera as a tool of political nationalism. Instead, it examines the extent to which the Empire supported opera (both the form and the repertoire) as a means to create cultural and intellectual connections between its different lands and peoples. The project language is English. At Leipzig, the team will work closely with researchers at the departments of history, music and the research cluster ReCentGlobe.

### **About the position**

- Fixed term of 58 months (1 December 2021–30 September 2026)
- 100 % of a full-time position
- Planned remuneration: E13 TV-L (€4074.30–€5872.94, depending on experience)

### **Duties**

- In close cooperation with the PI, independent research on the role of opera in Habsburg Europe (Italian opera, grand opera and opera in vernacular languages)
- Research in archives and libraries of the territories of the former Habsburg monarchy
- Postdoc 1: research on opera in Zagreb/Agram, Dalmatia, Slavonia and Croatia
- Postdoc 2: research on opera in Lemberg/Lwów/Lviv and Habsburg Galicia
- Publication of research output, including a monograph and several related book chapters and articles; participation in collective editorial projects
- Organisation of academic events related to the project
- Administrative tasks related to the project.

### **Requirements**

Required:

- PhD in history, music, or area studies, with specialisation relevant to the project
- Expertise in nineteenth-century Habsburg history and the history of European music/opera
- Experience in archival research
- Excellent knowledge of English (equivalent to C1 or above)
- Knowledge of German (equivalent to B1 or above)
- Postdoc 1: knowledge of Croatian (equivalent to B1 or above)
- Postdoc 2: knowledge of Polish (equivalent to B1 or above)

Desirable:

- Reading knowledge of Italian and/or French
- Expertise in project management and organisation of academic events
- Basic knowledge of web design and social media
- Previous academic publications
- Postdoc 1: knowledge of Hungarian
- Postdoc 2: knowledge of Ukrainian

- Research experience in the digital humanities.

#### **What we offer**

- A modern workplace and attractive working conditions (mobile working)
- Flexible working hours and work-life balance
- Goal-oriented staff development throughout your working life, with opportunities for continuing professional development
- Pension plan
- Commuter pass for the MDV network
- Work within an international team of experts.

Applicants are expected to indicate for which of the two positions they wish to be considered. Please send your application with the usual documents (motivation letter, CV with list of publications, degree transcript, proof of PhD) as a single PDF file, quoting **reference number 136/2021**, by email to: **Professor Axel Körner: [axel.koerner@uni-leipzig.de](mailto:axel.koerner@uni-leipzig.de)** by 9 July 2021. If you are unable to send your application via email, please send it by post to **Professor Axel Körner, c/o Frau Antina Jordan, Leipzig University, Faculty of History, Art and Area Studies, Department of History, Beethovenstraße 15, 04107 Leipzig**. Please note that it is not possible to guarantee confidentiality and rule out unauthorised access by third parties when communicating by unencrypted email.

We kindly request that you submit copies only, as we are unable to return application documents. Due to the pandemic, interviews will take place via video conference. Interview expenses will not be reimbursed.

Leipzig University aims to increase the proportion of women in positions of responsibility and therefore expressly invites qualified women to apply. Severely disabled persons – or persons deemed legally equal to them under Book IX of the German Social Code – are encouraged to apply and will be given preference in the case of equal suitability.

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