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3 Doctoral Researchers / PhD studentships (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, under ERC project TRANSOPERA-101018743 “Politics of Empire in Habsburg Europe, 1815–1914” https://www.gkr.uni-leipzig.de/historisches-seminar/institut/professuren/neuere-kultur-und-ideengeschichte/erc-projekt from 1 October 2022.

The three PhD 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 36 month
- 65 % of a full-time position
- Planned remuneration: salary group 13 TV-L

Duties
- Position 1: independent research within the framework of a PhD on the role of opera in the imperial administration of the Habsburg monarchy in the Kingdom of Lombardy-Venetia
- Position 2: independent research within the framework of a PhD on the role of Grand Opéra in Budapest and Pressburg/Bratislava during the 19th century
- Position 3: independent research within the framework of a PhD on the role of opera in the Bohemian lands during the 19th century
- Research and teaching within the field of the ERC project
- Publication of research results
- Presentation of research results at national and international academic conferences
- Administrative duties

Requirements
- a BA and MA in history, music, or area studies
- Expertise in nineteenth-century Habsburg history and the history of European music/opera
- Excellent knowledge of English (equivalent to B2 or above)
- Knowledge of German (equivalent to B2 or above)
- Position 1: knowledge of Italian (B1-equivalent or higher); background in the history of upper Italy during the 19th century
- Position 2: knowledge of Hungarian (B1-equivalent or higher), with Slovakian an additional advantage; background in the history of the Kingdom of Hungary in the 19th century
- Position 3: knowledge of Czech (B1-equivalent or higher); background in Czech history and the history of Bohemia in the 19th century

Desirable:
- Experience in archival and library research
- Basic musical skills
- Willingness to work within a research team

**What we offer**
- 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

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