

Research Group Leaders/ Coordinator, Transcult. Stud. (Heidelberg)

5 Junior Research Group Leaders within the Framework of Transcultural Studies

The Heidelberg University Cluster of Excellence "Asia and Europe in Global Perspective: Shifting Asymmetries in Cultural Flows" brings together scholars in East and South Asian, Middle Eastern and European Studies. To further develop the transcultural and transdisciplinary research potential of the Cluster and to strengthen its capabilities in handling transcultural flows that cross linguistic, geographic, cultural and media borders, five Junior Research Groups (JRG) will be established. These are in

Governance and Administration

Public Spheres

Health and Environment

Historicities and Heritage

Translingual Concepts and/or Transcultural Images

The Junior Research Groups overall focus will be on asymmetries in cultural flows and their shifts. Each of the four Research Areas of the Cluster will have one JRG, and a fifth will deal with linkages between them. For the particular descriptions of these five segments and possible thematic foci, please visit <http://www.vjc.uni-hd.de/jobs.htm>.

Each leader is to lead one JRG, which typically will have two to three other members; is to be centrally involved in recruiting first class Ph.D. candidates for the particular Group; is to define, manage, and monitor the Group's project and sub-projects; will have the right to supervise Ph.D. dissertations; and will integrate the Group into the overall framework of the Cluster's activities. The work of the JRG will be regularly evaluated.

Candidates are expected to have their Ph.D. in hand; have a strong publication record of high scholarly acumen with elements connected to the Cluster's focus; have achieved international visibility within their field; and have a proven record in both their work and their writing of pursuing transcultural and transdisciplinary approaches. Fluency in English is required.

Applications contain a C.V., a list of publications, a list of courses

taught, the names and contact data of two scholars who are familiar with their work, and the proposal for a project to be carried out by the Junior Research Group. This proposal may contain specific suggestions for the personnel composition of the Research Group. Applications from junior scholars with Asian backgrounds are strongly encouraged.

Applicants are advised to inform themselves about the Cluster's aim and framework at <http://www.vjc.uni-hd.de/> and to contact the Cluster's office for further information.

The Cluster strongly encourages qualified women scholars to apply. Handicapped persons with the same equivalent qualifications will be given preference.

Applications are to be submitted by January 25th, 2008, to the Cluster's Acting Director:

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Graduate School Manager/Scientific Coordinator

Scientific Coordinator/Graduate School Manager

The Cluster of Excellence "Asia and Europe in a Global Context. Shifting Asymmetries in Cultural Flows" at the University of Heidelberg offers the position of a scientific coordinator/graduate school manager starting March 1st 2008 for two years (with possibility of extension).

The Graduate School for Transcultural Studies is part of the Cluster of Excellence and provides a structured Ph.D. programme within the transdisciplinary and transcultural research environment of the Cluster. The school's main location is the Karl Jaspers Centre (KJC), situated at the University of Heidelberg.

The Graduate school manager will be responsible for administering and recording admissions and progression of Ph.D. students enrolled in the Graduate School for Transcultural Studies. He/she manages contacts with the liaison offices in Delhi and Peking, and coordinates

arrangements for courses within the graduate programme. The applicant must hold a Ph.D. and is invited to outline his/her research proposal related to the agenda of the Cluster. For further information see the Cluster's website: <http://www.vjc.uni-hd.de>.

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Familiarity with Asian institutions is required. Applications with a C.V., short project description (5 pages) and two letters of recommendation are to be submitted by January 25th 2008 to

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