

PhD Positions in Ancient History, Ancient Near Eastern Studies,
Classical Archaeology and Modern German Literature
30 hours/week, for 3 years

The Cluster of Excellence “EurAsian Transformations” (CoE EurAsia) is pleased to announce the availability of **up to eight PhD positions** within the doctoral college (DC) “Entangled Antiquities” at the University of Innsbruck. These positions are offered part-time (30 hours per week) for three years, **starting 1 October 2024**.

The CoE EurAsia undertakes comprehensive research on the transformation processes in Eurasia, encompassing the combined landmasses of Europe and Asia and serving as a focal point of scholarly discourse from antiquity to the present (<https://www.oeaw.ac.at/eurasian-transformations/>). The DC Entangled Antiquities delves into the fascinating and significant interdependencies between Europe, Asia and Africa from around 1500 BC to the present day, which have often influenced geopolitical dynamics. Particular emphasis will be placed on the analysis of hyper-spatial imaginaries, discourses and connectivities that have both connected and divided various imperial entities, ethnic diasporas and foreign communities (<https://www.uibk.ac.at/en/doctorate-college-entangled-antiquities/>).

PhD Research Areas: The doctoral positions are offered in the fields of Ancient History and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Classical Archaeology, and Modern German Literature, focusing on research in the following subject areas:

- Ancient spatial concepts (mental maps) and imperial borderlands of the Achaemenid-Persian empire
- The role of religious communities and corporations in transregional networks in the Eurasian worlds of Late Antiquity
- The classical ideal and orientalism in the visual politics of Antiquity
- Two empires – the Habsburg Monarchy and its view of Japan
- Habsburg border regions – views on Galicia and Bukovina

Main tasks: Completion of a doctoral thesis and publications related to one of the specified research areas; significant contribution to the organisation of conferences and workshops and participation in training and education activities within the DC Entangled Antiquities; participation in the further development of the existing Doctoral College into a more comprehensive, interdisciplinary doctoral programme focused on the broad field of “Entanglements and Conflicts in Afro-Eurasian History”.

Required qualifications: An above-average Master’s degree in Ancient History, Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Classical Archaeology or Modern German Literature; methodological expertise appropriate to the field of study; evidence of an interdisciplinary approach in the master thesis or previous academic work; proficiency in ancient and modern languages relevant to the research focus; very good command of English; strong communication and teamwork skills.

Application requirements: A sample chapter from your master thesis; an outline proposal for a dissertation project on one of the announced research topics; two letters of recommendation.

Remuneration: The gross monthly salary for these PhD positions is € 2,684.10 (paid 14 times yearly).

Application procedure: Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications electronically by **31 May 2024**. Applications should be sent to Astrid Rief at eurasian-transformations@uibk.ac.at.

We look forward to receiving your application and welcoming you to our dynamic doctoral programme at the University of Innsbruck.