



Call for Applications: Post-doctoral Research Associate

The M.S. Merian - R.Tagore International Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences “Metamorphoses of the Political: Comparative Perspectives on the Long Twentieth Century” (ICAS:MP), is a co-operative Indo-German academic project, located in New Delhi. It is committed to long-term interdisciplinary research projects on the changing nature of the political in the long twentieth century. While the Centre is located in India, its research-agenda is comparative and not restricted to India. ICAS:MP comprises several thematic modules that make up its larger theme (see <https://micasmp.hypotheses.org/> about) as well as core activities, designed to cut across the thematic modules. One of latter is a joint project of creating an Archive of the Political. This module is, on the one hand, intended to reflect on the importance of archiving as a process especially in understanding the politics of the present in a context of shifting boundaries, historically contingent contexts and of the specific intellectual lineages of the 20th century. On the other hand, the module is also expected to develop a virtual Archive of the Political, archiving and making available material generated by the ICAS:MP as well as linking this to other relevant digitised holdings worldwide and initiating new research projects around specific repositories that have a bearing on the larger theme of the political.

As a blueprint, the module has already digitised a substantial portion of the records of the Calcutta Improvement Trust, an archive which is of particular importance for the study of urbanism and the development of cities in India. This will form one of the collections around which the theoretical, methodological and technical challenges of creating an Archive of the Political will be discussed and a number of research projects will be designed and carried out.

The module is currently interested in recruiting a post-doctoral Research Associate to work on the project for a period of about nine months. Interested applicants from related social sciences and humanities disciplines working on thematic fields relevant to urban history, labour relations, informality and social history of the working class in particular with a strong interest also in the field of Digital Humanities are invited to apply. Candidates will be selected on the basis of their experience in relevant fields, their potential for academic distinction, and experience working in a cross-cultural team and field. Applicants are expected to possess adequate language skills (English as well as respective Indian or other languages).

Applications (incl. CV, a copy of last diploma, list of publications, project description – of 3000 words max., research schedule for the fellowship period, letters of reference and/or full contact details referees) should be submitted by **7 July 2016** as one pdf file (5 MB maximum) along with a cover letter of one page that briefly outlines your experience and qualifications

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