

PhD Positions in Modern German Literature or a comparable subject in Literature or Cultural Studies

30 hours/week, for 3 years

The Cluster of Excellence “EurAsian Transformations” (CoE EurAsia) is pleased to announce the availability of **two PhD positions** within the doctoral college (DC) “Austrian Studies” at the University of Innsbruck. These positions are offered part-time (30 hours per week) for three years, **starting 1 November 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/>). Within this broad spectrum of research, the interdisciplinary DC Austrian Studies focuses on the ‘cultural space’ produced by different societies along the timeline from the Holy Roman Empire to the Habsburg Monarchy to the immediate present of the Second Republic and its complex interrelationships (see <https://www.uibk.ac.at/dk-austrianstudies/index.html.de>). Key issues are questions of identity as well as transnational perspectives on a Central European empire whose networks and connections continue to have an impact today.

PhD Research Areas: The doctoral positions are offered in Modern German Literature or a comparable subject in Literature or Cultural Studies, focusing on research in the following subject areas:

- Two empires – the Habsburg Monarchy and its view of Japan
- Habsburg border regions – views on Galicia and Bukovina

Both positions are organisationally assigned to the Research Institute Brenner-Archiv. If you have any content-related questions, please contact Univ.-Prof. Dr Ulrike Tanzer (Ulrike.Tanzer@uibk.ac.at).

Main tasks: Completion of a doctoral thesis and scientific publications in one of the advertised topics and research fields; significant contribution to the organisation of conferences and workshops as well as participation in training and further education activities as part of the Austrian Studies Doctoral College programme.

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

Application requirements: Please enclose a sample chapter from your Master’s thesis and a letter of motivation with your application. Letters of recommendation are welcome.

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 **28 July 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.