

DOCTORAL POSITION in socio-linguistic methods and material culture

The new Cluster ROOTS – Social, Environmental, and Cultural Connectivity in Past Societies in the frame of the German Excellence Initiative explores social, environmental, and cultural processes that have substantially shaped past human development (and which are still active today). Research is organized in six research units (i.e. subclusters) covering six foci: (1) Environmental hazards and impacts; (2) Dietary intake and disease; (3) Knowledge production, technology, and innovation; (4) Population agglomeration and urbanisation; (5) Social differentiation and inequalities; and (6) Conflict and conciliation. The ROOTS ‘Reflective Turn’ will enable cross-disciplinary dialogue and enquiries within and between research foci, providing an overarching theoretical frame.

Research Associates and PhD students participate in the ROOTS Young Academy. The ROOTS Young Academy brings together young experts from an array of disciplines, which support ROOTS research with innovative research ideas. The Young Academy provides young researchers with excellent conditions for a successful career and personal development.

We invite applications for the **Doctoral Position „Socio-linguistic methods and material culture“** to begin as early as possible

Profile: Historical Linguistics, Methods of Quantitative Linguistics, Sociolinguistics

The successful candidate will conduct work on linguistic aspects of social stratification in **North India** from a historical perspective, with special reference to the **eastern Ganges Basin**. She/He will work in close cooperation with scholars from both general linguistics and archaeology, taking not only sociolinguistic aspects of historical language stratification into account but also aspects of material culture. Research will address these aspects in different social and economic groups from this region, e.g. hunter and gatherer societies (or social groups which until recently fell within this group and have since changed to a more sedentary lifestyle), farming communities, different castes and their languages / dialects from a historical perspective, etc. Integration into the research agenda of ‘ROOTS of social inequality’ is expected as well as cooperation with other subclusters.

Required qualifications: Eligible candidates must hold an outstanding university degree (MA or equivalent) in General Linguistics, Indo-European Linguistics or in a related linguistic field with a focus on historical and/or socio-linguistics. The successful candidate will have a keen interest in historical linguistics and will be familiar with sociolinguistic methodology and various quantitative methods in linguistics. Publications in historical linguistic and complementary expertise in historical sociolinguistics and/or in the area of language contact will be an asset. Knowledge of a modern South Asian language is desirable and/or the willingness to obtain a basic knowledge of spoken and written Hindi within the first six months of the grant.

Salary will be at 65% (currently 25,16 h/week) of level TV-L 13 of the federal wage agreement scheme (Tarifvertrag der Länder). The term is fixed for a period of 3,5 years (42 months).

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Kiel University is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to increasing the proportion of female scientists in research and teaching, and strongly encourages female applicants. Women will be given preference in case of equal suitability, competence, and professional performance. The University is also committed to the employment of disabled person, and such individuals will be accorded preference if suitable.

Applications by people with a migration background are particularly welcome.

Please address your application (cover letter; CV (including list of publications); the proposed doctoral project (max. 1500 words), including a brief summary, state of the art, a concise project description, and a work schedule; and the name of two references with contact information; a copy (in .pdf format) of your master-thesis or proof of equivalent qualification; certificates of academic degrees) as **one single .pdf document** until **1st October 2019** to:

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