The Research Cluster ROOTS — Social, Environmental, and Cultural Connectivity in Past Societies explores, in the frame of the German Excellence Initiative, social, environmental, and cultural processes that have substantially shaped past human development and 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. Working with the subclusters, the ROOTS Reflective Turn Forum facilitates interdisciplinary dialogue and inquiries within and between the research foci, providing an overarching theoretical frame, including concept formation and reflection upon theoretical paradigms in archaeology.

We invite applications for the following position to begin as soon as possible thereafter:

**Student Assistant — Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft (f/m/d)**

Within ROOTS, the Reflective Turn Forum is looking for a ‘Hiwi’ to conduct the following tasks:

The assistant will provide help in various research and administrative tasks. He / she will conduct literature searches and fetch literature online as well as from Kiel University’s various libraries (within Covid restrictions). The work also includes small translation tasks (German-English) and composing literature portfolios on chosen topics. The literature will cover various theoretical disciplines from philosophical and sociological to anthropological and other theory and ideally the student will have a demonstrated interest and familiarity with at least some of these disciplines. Familiarity with, or preparedness to learn, digital processing of text (text recognition, digitization) is highly desirable.

Working times are flexible on 10 hours per month basis. The contract is limited to the end of the year with possibility to be extended.

Please email a short description detailing your relevant academic qualifications, experience, and suitability for this position to Dr. Vesa Arponen, varponen@roots.uni-kiel.de. Please type “ROOTS HiWi” on the subject line. Applications can be sent in at any time until 16 May, 2021.