



The Institute of Modern Japanese Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf invites applications for two positions of

Research Associate or Postdoc (m/f/d)

(75,00 %, pay grade 13 TV-L)

to be filled on or before 1 October 2024. The employment is initially limited for a period of 3 years, with an option for prolongation. With reference to the Act of Academic Fixed-Term Contracts (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz – WissZeitVG), the positions are to facilitate the scientific qualification of the employees.

Your tasks:

The positions are part of a project funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) on the topic of „Traditional Craft Industries and Their Markets in 21st Century Japan – Social and Economic (Re-) Organisation“. More detailed information on the project can be found on the website of the Institute of Modern Japanese Studies under the profile of Professor Harald Conrad. As part of the project, you will carry out extended field research in a Japanese crafts district either for a PhD dissertation or as part of your Postdoc research.

In addition to your own research, you will assist to a limited degree in the preparation of research events, projects, and applications for third-party funding.

Our requirements:

- An excellent university degree (M.Sc. / M.A. / Magister / PhD) in the field of Japanese or Asian Studies with a focus on Japan
- Applicants with a completed PhD can also be from a different field of the humanities or social sciences, but must have specific Japan-related expertise and experience
- An excellent command of Japanese and English
- Prior experience of living in Japan for a minimum of 6 months
- Willingness to conduct 10-months' field research in Japan as part of a coordinated research effort (DFG-financed)
- Knowledge of or strong interest in economic sociological approaches

The pay scale grouping will be, depending on the personal qualification of the applicant, up to pay grade 13 TV-L.

Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf aims at increasing the percentage of employed women. Applications from women will therefore be given preference in cases of equal aptitude, ability and professional achievements unless there are exceptional reasons for choosing another applicant. Applications from persons with severe disabilities or those of equal status according to Book IX of the German Social Code (SGB – Soziales Gesetzbuch) are encouraged.

Your contact person in case of questions is Prof. Dr. Harald Conrad; email: harald.conrad@hhu.de; phone number: +49 (211) 81 / 11693.

Please submit your application documents (Motivation letter, CV, certificates & transcripts, contact details of one referee, copy of master or doctoral thesis) citing reference no. 108-24.3-1 until 15.05.2024

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