

## **Job advertisement reference number 18/2025**

At the Max-Weber-Kolleg (Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies) of the University of Erfurt, within the ERC-Advanced Grant Nr. 101141293: „(De)Colonizing Sharia?“ Tracing Transformation, Change and Continuity in Islamic Law in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) in the 19th and 20th Centuries (DeColSharia), the following position with 30 hours per week is available as of 01.06.2025:

### **Postdoc Research Assistant (f/m/x)**

Pay category E 13 TV-L (75 %)

This is a **postdoctoral research position at 0.75 FTE at the grade of E13 according to the German academic pay scale**, with full state insurance and pension benefits. Please note that the position requires being present at the Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies in Germany, though the researcher will make periodic trips abroad for fieldwork.

### **Area of Responsibility**

- independent academic research and publication (as part of a postdoctoral project) in the field of: Research on Islamic law in the colonial period, region: Middle East and North Africa
- academic services within the framework of the project
- active participation in the interdisciplinary research programme

### **What we expect**

- specially qualified, completed academic degree (Master's or equivalent) in Arabic/Islamic Studies or a comparable subject and PhD or equivalent in Arabic/Islamic Studies or a comparable subject
- Research focus in modern Islamic law or in the areas of law/politics/(post)colonialism
- Desirable: Knowledge of pre-modern law/colonial law
- very good knowledge of Arabic, English, if possible Persian/Turkish/Ottoman and, if possible, German

### **What we offer**

The University of Erfurt promotes the compatibility of career and family/private life and supports flexible working hours. For academic staff, it offers a wide range of further training opportunities as well as coaching and mentoring as part of academic staff development ([www.uni-erfurt.de/go/akademische-pke](http://www.uni-erfurt.de/go/akademische-pke)). In addition, there are a number of health and prevention offers as part of the company health management programme.

## Comments/Remarks

The German version of this job advertisement alone shall be legally binding.

The position is limited until 31.10.2029 according to the duration of the project. The advertisement is addressed to applicants who fulfill the requirements of the German Act on Temporary Scientific Contracts (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz). The general requirements for employment according to § 91 section 5 Thuringian Higher Education Act (Thüringer Hochschulgesetz) apply.

If you have a foreign university degree, it is necessary that you apply for a certificate application at the Central Office for Foreign Education (Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen, ZAB). We recommend that you attach the corresponding certificate to your application documents, but you can also provide this certificate at a later stage of the process. Please note that this is a chargeable service provided by the ZAB. For more information, please visit <https://zab.kmk.org/de/zeugnisbewertung>.

The University of Erfurt sees itself as an open-minded employer that values diversity. It is committed to diversity and gender equality and welcomes applications that contribute to this. The University of Erfurt has successfully passed the "shaping diversity" audit, has been audited as a "family-friendly university" and has received the rating "equality excellent" in the female professor programme III of the federal and state governments. One of the university's strategic goals is increasing the proportion of women in re-search and teaching. Severely disabled persons and those with equal status are given preference in the case of equal suitability, professional performance, and ability.

For questions regarding content, please contact Prof. Dr. Irene Schneider (e-mail: [irene.schneider@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:irene.schneider@uni-erfurt.de)). Please find further information here: [Link](#).

## Application and Deadline

Please send your application with informative documents (cover letter, curriculum vitae, copies of certificates, description of the postdoctoral project, list of publications) **exclusively online** by **31.03.2025** via the application management system of the University of Erfurt.

## Reimbursement of Expenses

The University of Erfurt does not refund any costs incurred in the application process.