

Post-doctoral Research Fellowship in Islamic rational theology / philosophy (kalām / falsafa)

General information

Workplace: Aix-en-Provence, France

Date of publication: 25/05/2019

Type of contract: FTC Scientist

Contract period: 12 months (renewable once)

Expected date of employment: 01/01/2020

Proportion of work: Full time

Remuneration: indicative gross monthly remuneration ranging from 2600 € to 3007 €

Desired level of education: PhD / Experience required: from 1 to 4 years

Project Description

The successful candidate is expected to undertake her/his research in the framework of the international "Galen in Arabic (GAIA) – More than a Translation". GAIA is a joint project funded by the French National Research Agency (ANR) and the Austrian Science Fund (FWF). It brings together the following partners: Centre Paul-Albert Février (UMR 7297), University of Vienna, French Institute for the Near-East (IFPO), Centre Jean Pépin (UMR 8230). The main researchers responsible for GAIA are Pauline Koetschet and Elvira Wakelnig. GAIA aims at investigating the interactions between three intellectual strands of the Islamicate world in the 9th and 10th centuries: the reception of the Greek medical, early Arabic philosophy (*falsafa*) and early Islamic theology (*kalām*). The project focuses on two main areas: epistemology and semiology.

GAIA covers the following aspects:

1. The reception and transformation of Galenic philosophical and medical ideas. The project pays particular attention to the reception of Galen's *Method of Treatment*.
2. Stressing the interrelations between medicine, *falsafa* and *kalām*. GAIA wants to show not only the antagonism and rivalry between philosophy and science on the one hand and *kalām* on the other, but also and primarily the parallelism and the circulation of ideas between these two fields, which surface in *kalām*-texts on logic, epistemology and language.

Missions

- We are primarily looking for applications that will enrich the second aspect mentioned above, and especially the study of *kalām* in the ninth and tenth centuries. However, applications relevant to any aspect of the project are welcome.
- The successful candidate is expected to publish articles in relation with the second primary focus of GAIA.
- She/he is further expected to participate in the overall activities of the project and to take part in the scientific life of Centre Paul Albert Février (Aix-en-Provence).

Skills

- Specialisation in Arabic philosophy/philology/rational theology (PhD level).
- Speaking, writing and oral comprehension of French and English.
- Linguistic skills in Arabic (reading, editing ancient texts).
- Experience in drafting and publishing scientific articles.
- Knowledge of new technologies: research blog on the platform Hypothèses; knowledge of the word-processor Classical Text Editor.

Work environment

The Centre Paul-Albert Février (CPAF) carries out interdisciplinary research on the history of texts and of religions. It brings together specialists of philology, linguistics, history, philosophy, Ancient Greek, Latin, Arabic, Hebrew, Sanskrit. It belongs to the Maison méditerranéenne des sciences de l'homme (MMSH) in Aix-en-Provence.

The successful candidate will work in collaboration with a team located in three places: Beirut, Vienna, Paris. She/he will have to be able to conduct his research autonomously but also able to work collaboratively.

Risks

No known risk.

Application form

- CV and cover-letter.
- Research project (maximum of five pages).
- A sample of their research.
- A copy of the PhD diploma or of the attestation of defence.
- Names and contact info of 2 academic referees.

Before August 31, 2019

The position is based at Aix-Marseille University.

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