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From 1 October 2021 onwards, the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies seeks to employ for up to 6 (3+3 years), max. until 30 September 2027 one

**Postdoctoral Research Associate (100%)**

The successful candidate will be employed at the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies (BCDSS): and will be working in the research team of Prof. Dr. Julia Hillner. The BCDSS is a German Research Council funded "Cluster of Excellence". We are looking for applicants whose research focuses on **forms of durable, asymmetrical individual, social and spatial dependency in societies in the period between c. 200 and c. 700 CE**. By this we mean dependencies which are primarily connected to labour (slavery, serfdom, debt bondage, etc.) or linked to wider social dynamics (e.g. law, religion, family etc).

Preference will be given to applicants interested in **gender and intersectionality (BCDSS Research Area E)** and/or **norms, institutions, and practices (BCDSS Research Area C)**, but applications that align with other BCDSS research areas are also welcome.

**Your tasks:**
- Development of an independent international research and publication profile.
- Participation in BCDSS research projects and publications.
- Participation in the organisation of conferences, workshops, and other activities to establish academic networks.
- Independent design and delivery of modules on the BCDSS Master programmes (4 contact hours per week), examinations and supervision of Master dissertations.
- Participation in the administration of the BCDSS.

**Your profile:**
- PhD in Classics, History, or a related subject area.
- An interest in making comparisons across time and space and in exploring methodological and epistemological problems.
- An interest in interdisciplinary and collaborative research.
- Proven ability to carry out high-quality research on the period c.200-c.700 CE in an area of interest to BCDSS and to disseminate research findings, including through peer reviewed publications.
- Teaching experience, including independent module delivery. Experience of supervision of postgraduate students is desirable.
- Ability to work both within a team and independently.
- Excellent organisational skills and the ability to undertake administrative duties.
- Fluency in English.

**Our offer:**
- **TVL E 13** on the salary scale.
- Participation in the international Cluster of Excellence "Bonn Center of Dependency and Slavery Studies".
- An open, collaborative, stimulating and interdisciplinary work environment where ideas are encouraged and supported.
- The opportunity for conducting independent research and the necessary support
and infrastructure to do so.

- An advanced training program that will give you a competitive advantage when seeking a permanent position and help you balance work and family life.
- Mentoring by two experienced professors from BCDSS, and access to further mentoring programmes at Bonn University.
- Institutional support for applicants with families and for women.

Applicants are asked to submit:

1. An application consisting of:
   a. a letter of motivation (max. 1 page),
   b. a curriculum vitae,
   c. a list of publications, and
   d. one copy of your PhD certificate.

2. A research statement, outlining research interests, current research projects and future research plans (max. 2 pages).

3. The name and contact of two referees (position, professional address, and e-mail).

Please submit all documents in English. The PhD certificate can be submitted in its original language.

The University of Bonn is committed to diversity and equal opportunity. It is certified as a family-friendly university and aims to increase the number of women employed in areas where women are under-represented and to promote their careers. To that end, it urges women with relevant qualifications to apply. Applications will be handled in accordance with the Landesgleichstellungsgesetz (State Equality Act). Applications from suitable candidates with a certified disability or equivalent status are particularly welcome.

If you are interested in this position, please send your complete application documents by **30 June 2021** to application@dependency.uni-bonn.de with the application code **29/21/3.202**. Before sending your application, please combine and convert all of your documents into one PDF file. For further information, please contact Jeannine Bischoff (Managing Director of the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies, email: dependency@uni-bonn.de).

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